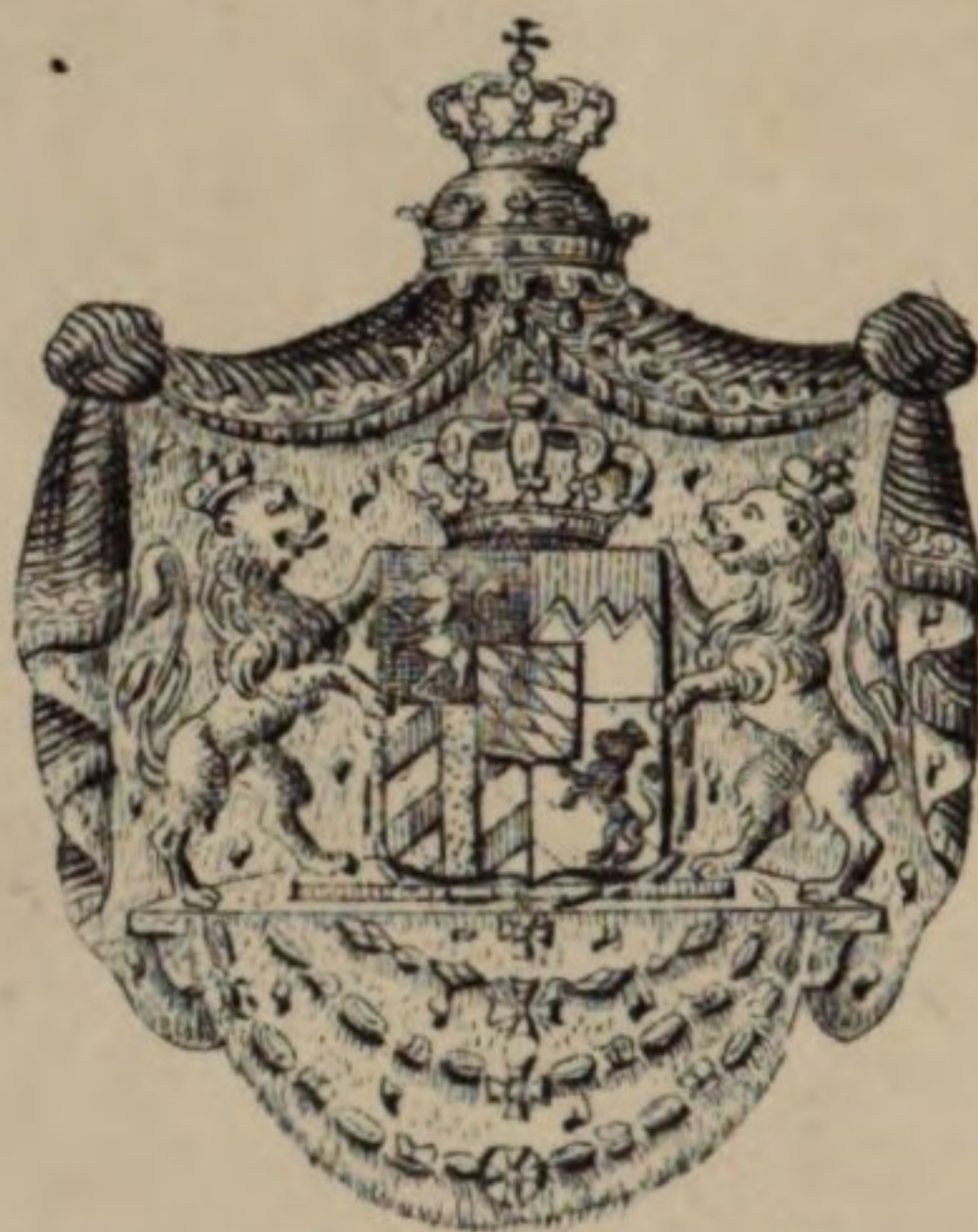


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*An Epistolary Essay from M. G. to O. B.
upon their Mutual Poems.*

Dear Friend,

I Hear this Town do's so abound
With sawcy Censures, that faults are found
With what of late we (in Poetick Rage)
Bestowing, threw away on the dull Age;
But (howsoe're Envy their Spleens may raise,
To rob my Brows of their deserved Bays)
Their Thanks at least I merit, since through me
They are Partakers of your Poetry:
And this is all I'll say in my Defence,
T' obtain one Line of your well-worded Sense,
I'd be content t' have writ the *British Prince*.
I'm none of those who think themselves inspir'd,
Nor write with the vain hope to be admir'd;
But from a Rule I have (upon long trial)
T' avoid with care all sort of Self-denial,
Which way soe're Desire and Fancy lead,
(Concerning Fame) that Path I boldly tread:
and if exposing what I take for Wit,
To my dear Self a Pleasure I beget,
No matter tho' the cens'ring Criticks fret.
Those whom my Muse displeases, are at strife,
With equal Spleen, against my Course of Life,
The least Delight of which I'll not forego,
For all the flattering Praise Man can bestow.

If I design'd to please, the way were then
 To mend my Manners, rather than my Pen :
 The first's unnatural, therefore unfit ;
 And for the second, I despare of it,
 Since Grace is not so hard to get as Wit.
 Perhaps ill Verses ought to be confin'd,
 In meer good Breeding, like unsav'ry Wind :
 Were Reading forc'd, I shou'd be apt to think
 Men might no more write scurvily, than stink :
 But 'tis your choice whether you'll read or no ;
 If likewise of your smelling it were so,
 I'd fart just as I write, for my own Ease,
 Nor shou'd you be concern'd unless you please.
 I'll own, that you write better than I do ;
 But I have as much need to write as you.
 What tho' the Excrements of my dull Brain
 Flows in a harsher and insipid strain.
 While your rich Head eases it self of Wit,
 Must none but Civet-Cats have leave to shit ?
 In all I write, shou'd Sense, and Wit, and Rhime
 Fail me at once, yet something so Sublime
 Shall stamp my Poem, that the World may see
 It cou'd have been produc'd by none but me :
 And that's my End, for Man can wish no more
 Than so to write as none are writ before.
 Yet who am I no Poet of the Times ?
 I have Allusions, Similies and Rhimes,
 And Wit, or else 'tis hard that I alone
 Of the whole Race of Mankind shou'd have
 Unequally the partial Hand of Heaven
 Has all but this One only Blessing given.

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The

The World appears like a great Family,
 Whose Lord oppress'd with Pride and Poverty,
 (That to a few great Bounty he may show)
 Is fain to starve the num'rous Train below.
 Just so seems Providence, as poor and vain,
 Keeping more Creatures than it can maintain:
 Here 'tis profuse, and there it meanly saves,
 And for one Prince, it makes Ten Thousand
 (Slaves.

In Wit alone 't been magnificent,
 Of which so just a Share to each is sent.
 That the most Avaticious are content;
 For none e're thought (the due Division's such)
 His own to little or his Friends too much.
 Yet most Men shew or find great want of Wit,
 Writing themselves, or judging what is writ:
 But I who am of Sprightly Vigour full,
 Look on Mankind as envious and dull;
 Born to my self, my self I like alone.
 And must conclude my judgment good or none,
 For cou'd my Sence be naught, how shou'd I know
 Whether another Mans were good or no?
 Thus I resolve of my own Poetry,
 That 'tis the best, and there's a Fame for me,
 If then I'm happy, what do's it advance,
 Whether to Merit due, or Arrogance?
 Oh, but the World will take offence hereby.
 Why then the World shall suffer for't, not I.
 Did e're the Sawcy World and I agree
 To let it have its béastly will on me?
 Why shou'd my prostituted Sence be drawn
 To ev'ry Rule their musty Customs spawn?

But Men will censure you : 'Tis two to one,
 When e're they censure they'll be in the wrong.
 There's not a thing on Earth, that I can name,
 So foolish and so false as Common Fame.
 It calls the Courtier Knave ; the Plain Man, Rude ;
 Haughty, the Grave, and the Delightful Lewd ;
 Impertinent, the Brisk, Morose, the Sad ;
 Mean, the Familiar ; the Reserv'd one, Mad.
 Poor helpless Woman is not favour'd more ;
 She's a sly Hypocrite, or publick Whore.
 Then who the Dev'l wou'd give this—to be free
 From the innocent Reproach of Infamy ?
 These things consider'd, make me (in despite
 Of idle Rumor) keep at home and write.

S A T I R.

WEre I (who to my cost already am
 One of those strange prodigious Crea-
 tures, Man)
 A Spirit free to chuse for my own share
 What Case of Flesh and Blood I'd please to wear,
 I'd be a Dog, a Monkey, or a Bear,
 Or any thing bur that vain Animal
 Who is Proud of being Rational.
 The Senses are too gross, and he'll contrive
 A Sixth, to contradict the other Five ;
 And before certain Instinct, will prefer
 Reason, which fifty times for one do's err :
 Reason,

Reason, an *Ignis fatuus* in the Mind,
Which leaving Light of Nature (Sense) behind,
Pathless and dang'rous wandring Ways is taken,
Thro' Errors Fenny Bogs and Thorny Brakes;
Whilst the misguided Follower climbs with pain
Mountains of Whimfies heap'd in his own Brain;
Stumbling from Thought to Thought, falls head-
(long down.

Into Doubts boundless Sea, where like to drown,
Books bear him up a while, and make him try
To swim with Bladders of Philosophy,
In hopes still to o'retake th' escaping Light;
The Vapour dances in his dazzling light,
Till spent, it leaves him to eternal Night,
Then Old Age and Experience, hand in hand,
Led him to Death, and make him understand,
After a Search so painful and so long,
That all his Life he has been in the wrong.
Huddl'd in Dirt the Reas'ning Engine lies,
Who was so Proud, so Witty, and so Wise:
Pride drew him in, as Cheats their Bubbles catch,
And makes him venture to be made a Wretch:
His Wisdom did his Happiness destroy,
Aiming to know what World he should enjoy;
And Wit was his vain frivolous Petence,
Of pleasing others at his own Expence.
For Wits are treated just like Common Whores
First they're enjoy'd, and then kickt out of Doors;
The Pleasure past, a threatening Doubt remains,
That frights the Enjoyer with succeeding Pains.
Women and Men of Wit are dangerous Tools,
And ever fatal to admiring Fools.

Pleasure allures, and when the *Fops* escape,
 'Tis not that they're belov'd, but fortunate,
 And therefore what they fear, at least they hate.

But now methinks some formal Band & Beard
 Takes me to task ; come on Sir, I'm prepar'd,

*Then by your favour any thing that's writ
 Against this gibing jingling knack call'd Wit,
 Likes me abundantly, but you take care
 Upon this point not to be too severe.*

*Perhaps my Muse were fitter for this part,
 For I profess, I can be very smart*

On Wit, which I abhor with all my Heart :

I long to lash it in some sharp Essay,

But your grand indiscretion bids me stay,

And turns my Tide of Ink another way.

What rage ferments in your degen'rate Mind,

To make you Rail at Reason and Mankind?

Blest glorious Man ! to whom alone kind Heav'n

An everlasting Soul has freely given,

Whom his great Maker took such care to make,

That from himself he did the Image take,

And this fair frame in shining Reason drest,

To dignifie his Nature above Beast.

Reason, by whose aspiring influence

We take a flight beyond material Sense ;

Dive into Mysteries, then soaring pierce

The flaming limits of the Universe,

Search Heav'n and Hell, find out what's Acted there,

And give the World true grounds of hope and fear,

Hold mighty Man, I cry, all this we know

From the Pathetick Pen of Ingebo ;

From

From *P*——*Pilgrims*, *S*——replies,
 And 'tis this very Reason I despise,
 This Supernatural Gift' that makes a *Mite*
 Think he's the *Image* of the *Infinite*,
 Comparing his short Life, void of all Rest,
 To the *Eternal* and the ever Blest.
 This busie, puzzling, stirring up of doubt,
 That frames deep *Mysteries*, then finds 'em out ;
 Filling with fantick Crowds of thinking *Fools*,
 Those Reverend *Bedlams*, *Colleges* and *Schools* ;
 Born on whose Wings each heavy *Sot* can pierce
 The limits of the boundless *Universe*.
 So Charming Ointments make an Old *Witch* flie,
 And bear a Crippled Carcase through the Skie.
 'Tis this exalted Pow'r, whose bus'ness lies
 In *Nonsense* and *Impossibilities*.
 This made a whimsical *Philosopher*,
 Before the spacious *World* his *Tub* prefer ;
 And we have modern *Cloyster'd Coxcombs*, who
 Retire to think, because they have nought to do.
 But thoughts are giv'n for *Actions* Government,
 Where *Action* ceases *Thoughts* impertinent :
 Our *Sphere* of *Action* is *Lifes* happiness,
 And he who thinks beyond, thinks like an *Ass* :
 Thus whilst against false reasoning I inveigh,
 I own right *Reason*, which I wou'd obey ;
 That *Reason* that distinguishes by Sence,
 And gives us *Rules* of good and ill from thence ;
 That bounds *Desires* with a reforming Will,
 To keep 'em more in vigour, not to Kill.
 Your *Reason* hinders, mine helps to enjoy,
 Renewing Appetites yours wou'd destroy.

My Reason is my Friend, yours is a Cheat;
 Hunger calls out, my Reason bids me Eat;
 Perverfly yours, your Appetite do's mock,
 This asks for Food, that answers, What's a Clock?
 This plain Distinction, Sir, your doubt Secures,
 'Tis not true Reason I despise, but yours.
 Thus I think Reason righted; but for Man,
 I'll ne're Recant, defend him if you can.
 For all his Pride, and his Philosophy,
 'Tis evident, Beasts are in their Degree
 As wise at least, and better far than he?
 Those Creatures are the wisest, who attain,
 By surest Means, the Ends at which they aim:
 If therefore *Fowler* finds and kills his Hares
 Better than *M—* supplies Committee-Chairs,
 Though on's a Statesman, th' other but a Hound,
Fowler in Justice wou'd be wiser found.
 You see how far Mans Wisdom here extends;
 Look next if Humane Nature makes amends,
 Whose Principles most gen'rous are, and just,
 And to whose Morals you wou'd sooner trust.
 Be Judge your self, I'll bring it to the Test,
 Which is the basest Creature, Man or Beast.
 Birds feed on Birds, Beast on each other prey,
 But Savage Man alone do's Man betray:
 Pteft by Necessity, they Kill for Food;
 Man undoes Man to do himself no good:
 With Teeth and Claws by Nature Arm'd, they
 Nature's Allowance, to supply their Want;
 But Man, with Smiles, Embraces, Friendships
 Unhumanly his Fellows Life betrays, (praise,
 With

With voluntary Pains works his distress,
 Not through Necessity, but Wontonness.
 For Hunger or for Love they fight or tear,
 Whilst wretched Man is still in Arms for fear;
 For fear he arms, and is of Arms afraid,
 By Feat to Fear successively betray'd:
 Base Fear, the Source whence his best Passion

(came,
 His boasted Honour, and his dear bought Fame;
 That Lust of Pow'r to which he's such a Slave,
 And for the which alone he dares be brave;
 To which his various Projects are design'd,
 Which makes him gen'rous affable and kind;
 For which he takes such pains to be thought wise,
 And screws his Actions in a forc'd Disguise,
 Leading a tedious Life, in Misery,
 Under laborious, mean Hypocrisie.

Look to the bottom of his vast Design,
 Wherein Mans Wisdom, Pow'r and Glory join;
 The Good he acts, the Ill he do's endure;
 Tis all for fear, to make himself Secure.
 Meerly for Safety, after Fame we Thirst;
 For all Men wou'd be Cowards, if they durst:
 And honesty against all common Sence,
 Men must be Knaves, 'tis in their own defence.
 Mankind's dishonest, if you think it fair,
 Amongst known Cheats, to play upon the Square,
 You'll be undone——

Nor can weak Truth your Reputation save,
 The Knaves will all agree to call you Knave.
 Wrong'd shall he live, insulted o're, oppress'd.
 Who dares be less a Villain than the rest.

Thus

Thus Sir, you see what Human Nature craves,
 Most Men are Cowards, all Men shou'd be Knaves;
 The difference lies (as far as I can see)
 Not in the thing it self, but the degree;
 And all the Subject matter of debate,
 Is only who's a Knave of the first Rate,
 All this with indignation have I hurl'd
 At the pretending part of the proud World,
 Who swoln with selfish Vanity, devise
 False Freedoms, holy Cheats, and formal Lies,
 Over their Fellow-Slaves to Tyrannize.

But if in Court so just a Man there be,
 (In Court a just Man, yet unknown to me.)
 Who does his needful flattery direct
 Not to oppose and ruin, but protect;
 Since flattery, which way soever laid,
 Is still a Tax on that unhappy Trade;
 If so upright a Staite-Man you can find,
 Whose Passions bend to his unbiass'd Mind,
 Who does his Arts and Policies apply
 To raise his Country, not his Family?
 Nor while his Pride own'd Avarice withstands,
 Receives Aureal Bribes from Friends corrupted
 (Hands.

Is there a Church-Man who on God relies?
 Whose Life, his Faith and Doctrine justifies?
 Not one blown up, with vain Prelatick Pride,
 Who for reproof Sins does Man deride:
 Whose envious Heart, with his obstrep'ous sawcy
 (Eloquence.
 Dares chide at Kings, and rail at Men of Sense;

Who

Who from his Pulpit vents more peevish Lies,
 More bitter Railings, Scandals, Calumnies,
 Than at a Gossiping are thrown about,
 When the good *Wives* get drunk, and then fall out,
 None of that Sensual *Tribe*, whose *Talents* lie,
 In Avarice, Pride, Sloth and Gluttony ;
 Who hunt good Livings, but abhor good Lives ;
 Whose Lust exalted to that height arrives,
 They act Adultery with their own *Wives*,
 And e're a score of Years compleated be,
 Can from the lofty Pulpit proudly see
 Half a large Parish their own Progeny.

Nor doating *B*—— who wou'd be ador'd
 For domineering at the Council-Board ;
 A greater *Fop* in business at Fourscore,
 Fonder of serious Toys, affected more
 Than the gay glittering Fool at Twenty proves,
 With all his noise, his tawdry Clothes, and Loves.

But a meek humble *Man*, of modest Sence,
 Whose Preaching Peace, does practice Conscience.
 Whose pious life's a proof he does believe
 Mysterious Truths, which no Man can conceive.
 If upon Earth there dwell such God-like Men,
 Then I'll Recant my Paradox to them :
 Adore those *Skrines* of *Virtue*, Homage pay,
 And with the Rabble-world their *Laws* obey.
 If such there are, yet grant me *This* at least,
 Man differs more from Man, than Man from
 (Beast.

A Ramble in St. James's Park.

Much Wine had past, with grave Discourse,
 Of who Fucks who, and who do's worse;
 Such as you usually do hear
 From them that Diet at the *Bear*;
 When I, who still take care to see
 Drunk'nness Reliev'd by Letchery,
 Went out into St. *James's* Park,
 To cool my Head, and fire my Heart;
 But though St. *James* has the Honour ont!
 'Tis Consecrate to *Prick* and *Cunt*.
 There, by a most Incestuous Birth,
 Strange Woods Spring from the teeming Earth:
 For they relate how heretofore,
 When Ancient *Pict* began to Whore,
 Deluded of his Assignment,
 (Jilting it seems was then in fashion.)
 Poor pensive Lover in this place.
 Wou'd Frig upon his Mothers Face;
 Whence Rows of Mandrakes tall did rise,
 Whose Lewd tops Fuck'd the very Skies.
 Each imitated Branch do'stwine
 In some Love Fold of *Aretine*:
 And nightly now beneath their Shade
 Are Bugg'ries, Rapes and Incests made,
 Unto this All-sin-sheltring Grove,
 Whores of the Bulk and the Alcove,
 Great Ladies, Chambermaids and Drudges,
 The Rag-picker and Heirels trudges;

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Car-men, Divines, great Lords, and Taylers;
 Prentices, Pimps, Poets, and Goalers,
 Foot-boys, fine Fops, do here arrive,
 And here promiscuously they Swive.

Along these hallow'd Walks it was
 That I beheld *Corinna* pass;
 Whoever had been by to see
 The proud Disdain she cast on me,
 Though Charming Eyes, he wou'd have Swore
 She dropt from Heav'n that very Hour,
 Forsaking the Divine Aboard
 In scorn of some despairing God.
 But mark what Creatures Women are,
 So infinitely Vile and Fair.

Three Knights o' th' Elbow and the Slur,
 With wrigling Tails made up to her.

The first was of your *White-ball* Blades,
 Near Kin to the Mother of the Maids,
 Grac'd by whose Favour he was able
 To bring a Friend to the Waiters Table;
 Where he had heard Sir *Edward* S——
 Say how the K—— lov'd *Bansted* Mutton,
 Since when he'd ne're be brought to eat,
 By's good will, any other Meat.
 In this, as well as all the rest,
 He ventures to do like the Best:
 But wanting common Sence, th' Ingredient
 In chusing well, not least expedient,
 Converts Abortive Imitation
 To universal Affectation;
 So he not only eats and talks,
 But feels and smells, sits down and walks,

Nay

Nay looks, and lives, and Loves by Rote,
In an old Tawdry Birth-day Coat.

The Second was a *Grays-Inn-Wit*,
A great Inhabiter of the Pit,
Where Critick-like he sits and *Squints*,
Steals Pocket-handkerchiefs and *Hints*
From's Neighbour and the Comedy,
To Court and Pay his Landlady..

The Third a Ladies Eldest Son,
Within few Years of Twenty One,
Who hopes from his propitious Fate,
Against he comes to his Estate,
By these Two *Worthies* to be made
A most accomplish'd tearing *Blade*.
One in a strain'twixt *Tune* and *Nonsense*,
Cries, *Madam, I have lov'd you long since,*
Permit me your fair Hund to Kifs :
When at her Mouth her Cunt says Yes.

In short without much more ado,
Joyful and pleas'd away she flew.
And with these Three confounded Asses
From Park to Hackney-Coach she passes.
So a Proud Bitch do's lead about
Of humble Curs the Amorous Rout,
Who most obsequiously do Hunt
The fav'ry Scent of Salt swoln Cunt.
Some Pow'r more patient now relate
The Scence of this surprizing Fate.
Gods! that a thing admir'd by me,
Shou'd taste so much of Infamy!
Had she pick'd out to pub her Ase on,
Some stiff-Prick'd Clown, or well-hung Parson,
Each

Each Job of whose Spermatick Sluce
 Had fill'd her *Cunt* with wholesome Juice,
 I the proceeding shou'd have prais'd,
 In hope she had quencht a Fire I rais'd:
 Such nat'ral freedoms are but Just,
 There's something gen'rous in meer Lust;
 But to turn Damn'd Abandon'd *Fade*,
 When neither *Head* nor *Tail* perswade?
 To be a *Whore* in understanding,
 A Passive *Pot* for *Fools* to spend in,
 The *Devil* plaid Booty sure with thee,
 To bring a Blot of Infamy.
 But why was I, of all *Mankind*,
 To so severe a Fate design'd?
 Ungreatful! why this Treachery
 To humble, fond, believing me?
 Who gave you Priviledges above
 The Nice Allowances of Love?
 Did ever I refuse to bear
 The meanest part your Lust cou'd spare?
 When your lewd *Cunt* came spewing home,
 Drench'd with the Seed of half the *Town*,
 My Dram of Sperm was sup'd up after,
 For the digestive Surfeit-Water.
 Full gorged at another time
 With a vast *Meal* of Nasty Slime,
 Which your devouring *Cunt* had drawn
 From *Porters Backs*, and *Foot-mens Brawn*;
 I was content to serve you up
 My *Ballocks* full, for your *Grace Cup*;
 Nor ever though it an Abuse,
 While you had Pleasure for Excuse.

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You

You that cou'd make my Heart away,
 For Noise and Colours and betray
 The Secrets of my tender Hours,
 To such *Knight-Errant Paramours*;
 When leanning on your faithless Breast,
 Wrapt in security, and rest.
 Soft Kindness all my Pow'rs did move,
 And Reason lay dissolv'd in Love.
 May stinking *Vapour* choak your *Womb*,
 Such as the *Men* you doat upon;
 May your deprav'd Appetite,
 That cou'd in whiffing *Fools* delight,
 Beget such *Frenzies* in your *Mind*,
 You may go Mad for the *North wind*.
 And fixing all your hopes upon't,
 To have him Bluster in your *Cunt*.
 Turn up your longing Arse to th' Air,
 And Perish in a wild despair.
 But *Cowards* shall forget to Rant,
School-boys to Frig, old *Whores* to Paint:
 The *Jesuits Fraternity*,
 Shall leave the use of *Buggery*.
Crab-Louse, inspir'd with Grace Divine,
 From Earthly *Cod*, to *Heav'n* shall climb;
Physicians, shall believe in *Jesus*,
 And disobedience cease to please us.
 E're I desist with all my Power,
 To plague this *Woman*, and undo her.
 But my Revenge will best be tim'd,
 When she is *Marri'd* that is lim'd,
 In that most lamentable State,
 I'll make her feel my Scorn, and Hate;

Pelt her with Scandals, Truth, or Lies,
 And her poor *Car* with Jealousies.
 Till I have torn him from her *Breech*,
 While she whines like a *Dog-drawn Bitch*.
 Loath'd, and depriv'd, kickt out of *Town*,
 Into some dirty hole alone,
 To Chew the *Cud* of Misery,
 And know she owes it all to me.
And may no Woman better thrive,
Who dares profane the Cunt I Swive.

*A Letter fanc'd from Artemisa in the Town,
 to Clæ in the Country.*

Clæ, by your command in Verse I write,
 Shortly you'd bid me ride astride and fight;
 Such Talents better with our Sex agree,
 Than lofty flights of dan'rous Poetry.
 Among the *Men*, I mean the *Men* of *Wit*,
 (At least they pass for such before they writ.)
 How many bold advent'ers for the *Bays*,
 Proudly designing large returns of praise.
 Who durst that stormy pathless *World* explore,
 Were soon dasht back, & wreckt on the dull shore,
 Broke of that little stock they had before.
 How wou'd a *Womans* tott'ring *Barque* be tost,
 Where stoutest *Ships*, the *Men* of *Wit* are lost?
 When I reflect on this I straight grow wise,
 And my own self I gravely thus advise.

Dear *Artemisa*, Poetry's a Snare,
Bedlam has many *Mansions*, have a care,

Your *Muse* diverts you, makes the Reader sad,
 You think your self inspir'd, he thinks you Mad:
 Thus like an Arrant Woman as I am,
 No sooner well convinc'd Writings a Shame,
 That *Whore* is a scarce a more Reproachful Name
 Than *Poetess*———

Like *Men* that Marry, or like *Maids* that Wooe,
 Because 'tis the Worst Thing they can do :
 Pleas'd with the Contradiction and the Sin,
 Methinks I stand on Thorns till I begin :

You expect to here at least, what Love has past
 In this lewd *Town*, since you and I saw last :
 What change has happen'd of *Intrigues*; and whe-

(ther

The Old one's last, and who and who's together?
 But how (my dearest *Clæ*) should I set
 My *Pen* to Write, what I would fain forget?
 Or name the lost thing *Love* without a Tear,
 Since so debauch'd by ill-bread Customs here?
Love, the most generous Passion of the Mind,
 The softest Refuge Innocence can find,
 The safe director of unguided *Youth*,
 Fraught with kind Wishes, and secur'd by Truth;
 That Cordial drop *Heaven* in our *Cup* has thrown,
 To make the naus'ous draught of Life go down,
 On which one only Blessing *God* might raise,
 In *Lands* of *Atheists*, *Subsidies* of praise;
 For none did e're so dull and stupid prove,
 But felt a *God*, and Bless'd his Power in Love;
 This only Joy for which poor we were made,
 Is only grown, like Play, to be an Arrant Trade,

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The *Rooks* creep in, and it has got of late,
 As many little Cheats and Tricks as that,
 But what yet more a *Woman's* heart wou'd Vex,
 'Tis chiefly carry'd on by her own Sex.
 Oh! silly Sex! though born, like *Monarchs*, free,
 Turn *Gipsies* for a meaner liberty,
 And hate restraint, though but from Infamy;
 They call whatever is not common, Nice,
 And deaf to *Natures* Rule, or *Loves* Advice,
 Forsake the Pleasure to pursue the Vice:
 To an exact Perfection they have brought,
 The Action Love, the passion is forgot,
 'Tis below *What* they say if we admire,
 And even without approving, they desire:
 Their private wish, obeys the publick Voice,
 'Twixt good and bad, whimsies decides not choice;
 Fashions grown up to taste, at forms they strike,
 They know what they would have, not what they
Bovy's a Beauty, if some few agree. (like.
 To call him so, the rest to that degree Sir
 Affected are, that with their Ears they see. R.
 Where I was Visiting the other Nights. B.
 Comes a fine *Lady* with her humble *Knight*,
 Who had prevail'd with her thro' her own skill,
 At his request, though much against his will
 To come to *London* — — —
 As the *Coach* stopt, I heard her Voice more loud,
 Than a great Bellied Woman's in a Crowd,
 Telling the *Knight*, that her Affairs require,
 He for some Hours, obsequiously retire
 I think she was aham'd he shou'd be seen,
 Hard fate of *Husband*, the *Gallant* had been,

Though a diseas'd, ill-favour'd *Fool* brought in
 Dispatch, says she, the bus'ness you pretend,
 Your Beastly Visit, to your drunken *Friend*;
 A Bottle, ever makes you look so fine;
 Methinks I long to smell you stink of *Wine*:
 Your *Country* drinking Breath's enough to Kill,
 Sowre Ale, corrected with a *Lemmon-Pill*.
 Prithee farewell, w'll meet again anon,
 The necessary thing, bows, and is gone.
 She flies up stairs, and all the hast does show,
 That silly *Antick Postures* will allow.
 And then bursts out—And Madam am not I,
 The strangest alter'd Creeture! let me Die,
 I find my self ridiculously grown,
 Embarrass, with my being out of Town:
 Rude, and untaught, like any Indian Queen,
 My Country Nakedness, is strangely seen.
 How is Love govern'd, Love that rules the state
 And pray who are the Men most worn of late?
 When I was Marri'd, Fools, were All-a-mode,
 The Men of Wit, were then held incommode,
 Slow of belief, and fickle in desire,
 Who e're they'll be perswaded, must enquire,
 As if they came to spy, not to admire.
 With searching wisdom, fatal to their ease,
 They find out why, what may, and shou'd not please.
 Nay take themselves for injur'd, when we dare,
 Make'em thing better of us than we are:
 And if we hide our Frailties from their sights,
 Call us deceitful Jilts, and Hypocrites;
 They little guess, (who at our Arts are griev'd)
 The perfect joy of being well deceiv'd:

*Inquisitive, as Felows Cuckolds grow.
 Rather than not be knowing, they will know,
 What being known, creates their certain Woe.
 Women, shou'd these of all Mankind avoid,
 For wonder my clear knowledge is destroy'd,
 Woman, who is an Arrant Bird of Night,
 Bold in the Dusk, before a Fools dull sight,
 Must fly, when Reason brings the blazing light.
 But the kind easie Fool, apt to admire
 Himself, trusts us; his Follies all Conspire,
 To flatter his, and favour our desire:
 Vain of his proper Merit, he with ease,
 Believes we love him best, we best can please:
 On him our gross, dull, common, flatteries, pass,
 Ever most happy, when most made an Ass;
 Heavy to apprehend, though all Mankind
 Perceive us false, the Fop himself, is blind,
 Who doating on himself———
 Thinks ev'ry one that sees him of his Mind.
 These are true Womens Men here forc'd to cease,
 Through want of Breath, not Will, to hold her
 (peace;
 She to the Window runs, where she had spy'd,
 Her much esteem'd dear Friend, the Monkey ey'd.
 With Forty Smiles, as many Antick Bows,
 As if't had been the Lady of the House,
 The dirty Chatt'ring Monster, she imbrac'd;
 And made it this fine tender Speech at last.
 Kiss me! thou curious Miniature of Man,
 How odd thou art! how pretty! how japan!
 Oh I cou'd live and dye with thee! Then on
 For half an hour in Complements she ran.*

I took this time to think what Nature meant
 When this mixt thing into the World she sent,
 So very Wise, yet so Impertinent.
 One that knows ev'ry thing; that God thought fit,
 Shou'd be an *Ass*, through chioce, not want of wit.
 Whose Foppery, without the help of Sense,
 Cou'd ne're have rise to such an Excellence.
 Nature's as lame in making a true Fop,
 As a philosopher the very top
 And dignity of Folly, we attain
 By studious search, and labour of the Brain;
 By observation, counsel, and deep thought;
 God never made a Coxcomb worth a Groat;
 We owe that Name to Industry and Arts,
 An eminent Fool must be a Man of parts:
 And such a one was she, who had turn'd o're
 As many *Books*, as *Men*, lov'd much, read more;
 Had discerning *Wit*, to her was known
 Ev'ry ones fault, or merit, but her own:
 All the good Qualitias that ever blest
 A Woman, so distinguish'd from the rest,
 Except Discretion only, she possesst.

But now *Moncher*, dear *Pug*, says she, adieu,
 And the discourse broke off, does thus renew.

*You smile to see me, whom the World perchance
 Mistakes to have some Wit, so far advance
 The interest of Fools, that I approve
 Their Merit more than Mens of Wit, and Love:
 But in our Sex, too many proofs there are
 Of such whom Wits undo, and Fools repair:
 This in my time was so observ'd a Rule,
 Hardly a Wench in Town but had her Fool;*

The

*The meanest common Slut, who long was grown
 The Jest and Scorn of ev'ry Pit-Buffoon,
 Had yet left Charms enough to have subdu'd
 Some Fop or other, fond to be thought Lewd.
 F——could make an Irish Lord, a Nckes;
 And B——M——had her City Cokes.
 A Woman's ne're so Ruin'd, but she can
 Be still Reveng'd on her undoer, Man.
 How lost soe're, she'll find some Lover more,
 A more abandon'd Fool, than she a Whore.
 The wretched thing, Corinna, who was run R.
 Through all the several ways of being undone;
 Couzen'd at first by Love, and living then
 By turning the too dear-bought Cheat on Men.
 Gay were the hours, and wing'd with Joy they flew,
 When first the Town, her early Beauties knew;
 Courted, admir'd, and lov'd, with Presents fed,
 Youth in her Cheeks, and Pleasure in her Bed.
 Till Fate, or her ill Angel, thought it fit,
 To make her doat upon a Man of Wit,
 Who found't was dull to Love above a Day,
 Made his ill-natur'd Jest, and went away.
 Now Scorn'd of all, forsaken and oppress'd,
 She's a Memento Mori to the Rest.
 Dispos'd, decay'd, to take up Half a Crown
 Must Mortgage her long Scarfe, and Mantoe-Gown
 Poor Creature! who unheard of, as a Fly,
 In some dark Hole, must all the Winter lie.
 And want she must endure a whole Half Year,
 That for one Month, she Taudry may appear:
 In Easter-Term she gets her a new Gown,
 When my young Masters Worship comes to Town;
From*

From Pedagogue, and Mother, just set free,
 The hopeful Heir of a great Family;
 Who with strong Beer and Beef the Country rules,
 And ever since the Conquest have been Fools.
 And still with careful prospect, to maintain
 This Character, lest crossing of the Strain,
 Shou'd mend the Booby Breed, his Friends provide
 A Cousin of his own to be his Bride.

And thus set out——

With an Estate, no Wit, and a young Wife,
 The solids Comforts of a Coxcomb's Life;
 Dunghil, and Pease, forsook, he comes to Town,
 Turns Spark, learns to be Lewd, and is undone.
 Nothing suits worse with Vice, than want of sense,
 Fools are still wicked, at their own expence.
 This o're grown School Boy, lost Corinna, wins,
 At the first dash, to make an Als, begins.
 Pretends to like a Man, that has not known
 The Vanities, nor Vices of the Town.
 Fresh in his Youth, and faithful in his Love,
 Eager of Joys, which he does seldom prove.
 Healthful, and strong, he does no pains endure,
 But what the fair one, he adores, can cure:
 Grateful for favours, does the Sex esteem,
 And Libels none, for being kind to him.
 Then of the Lewdness of the Town complains,
 Rails at the Wits, and Atheists, and maintains,
 'Tis better than good sense, than Power, or Wealth,
 To have a Blood untainted, Youth, and Health.
 The ill-bred Puppy, who had never seen
 A Creature look so gay, or talk so fine;

Believes,

*Believers, then falls in Love, and then in Debt,
 Morgages all, ev'n to the Ancient Seat,
 To buy this Mistriss, a new House, for Life;
 To give her Plate, and Jewels, Robs his Wife.
 And when to the height of fondness he is grown,
 'Tis time to poison him, and all's her own.
 Thus meeting in her common Arms his Fate,
 He leaves her Bastard, Heir to his Estate;
 And as the Race of such an Owl deserves,
 His own dull lawful Progeny he starves.
 Nature, who never made a thing in vain,
 But does each Insect to some end ordain,
 Wisely provides kind-keeping Fools, no doubt,
 To patch up Vices, Men of Wit, wear out.*

*Thus she run on two hours, some grains of sense,
 Still mixt with Volleys of Impertinence.
 But now 'tis time I shou'd some pity show
 To Clæ, since I cannot choose but know
 Readers must reap the dulness Writers sow.
 By the next Post I will such stories tell,
 As join'd to these, shall to a Volume swell;
 Truer than Heaven, more infamousthan Hell.
 But you are tir'd, and so am I---*

Farewell.

The Imperfect Enjoyment.

Naked she lay, claspt in my longing Arms,
 I fill'd with Love, and she all over Charms,
 Both epually inspir'd with eager fire,
 Melting through kindness, flaming in desire;
With

With *Arms, Legs, Lips*, close clinging to embrace,
 She clips me to her *Breast*, and sucks me to her
 (Face.

The nimble *Tongue* (*Love's* lesser Lightning) plaid
 Within my *Mouth*, and to my thoughts convey'd
 Swift Orders, that I should prepare to throw
 The *All-dissolving Thunderbolt* below.

My flutt'ing *Soul*, sprung with the pointed Kifs,
 Hangs hov'ing o're her *Balmy Lips* of Blifs.

But whilst her busie hand, wou'd guide that part,
 Which shou'd convey my *Soul* up to her *Heart*.

In Liquid *Raptures*, I dissolve all o're,

Melt into *Sperm*, and spend at every Pore :

A touch from any part from her had don't ;

Her Hand, her Foot, her very Look's a *Cunt*.

Smiling, she Chides in a kind murm'ring *Noise*,

And from her *Body* wips the Clammy Joys ;

When with a Thousand Kisses, wandring o're

My panting *Breast*, and is there then no more ?

She cries. All this to Love and Rapture's due

Must we not pay a Debt to Pleasure too ?

But I the most forlorn, lost Man alive,

To shew my wisht Obedience vainly strive,

I Sigh alas ! and Kifs, but cannot *Survive*.

Eager desire confound my first intent,

Succeeding shames does more success prevent,

And Rage at last confirms me Impotent ;

Even her fair Hand, which might bid heat return

To frozen Age, and make cold *Hermits* burn ;

Applied to my dead *Cinder* warms no more,

Than Fire to Ashes could past Flames restore :

Trem-

Trembling, confus'd, despairing, limber, dry,
 A wishing, weak unmov'ing Lump I lie ;
 This *Dart* of Love, whose piercing point oft try'd
 With *Virgin-blood*, *Ten Thousand Maids* has dy'd :
 Which *Nature* still directed with such *Art*,
 That it through every *Cunt* reacht e'ry *Heart* ;
 Stiffly resolv'd, wou'd carelessly invade
Woman or *Boy*, nor ought its fury staid,
 Where e're it pierc'd, a *Cunt* it found or made.
 Now languid lies in this unhappy hour,
 Shrunk up and Sapless, like a wither'd Flower.
 Thou treacherous, base deserter of my flame,
 False to my Passion, fatal to my Fame ;
 By what mistaken *Magick* dost thou prove,
 So true to Lewdness, so untrue to Love ?
 What *Oyster*, *Cinder*, *Beggar*, *Common Whore*,
 Didst thou e're fail in all thy Life before ?
 When *Vice*, *Disease* and *Scandal*, lead the way,
 With what officious haste does thou obey ?
 Like a Rude roaring *Hector* in the Streets,
 That Scuffles, Cuffs, and Ruffles all he meets ?
 But if his King or Country claim his Aid,
 The *Rascal Villian* shrinks and hides his Head :
 Even so thy Brutal Valor is displaid,
 Breaks every *Stew*, does each small *Whore invade*,
 But if great *Love*, the onset does command,
 Base Recreant, to thy *Prince*, thou darst not stand.
 Worst part of me, and henceforth hatest most,
 Through all the *Town*, the common *Fucking Post* ;
 On whom each *Whore*, relieves her tingling *Cunt*,
 As *Hogs*, on *Goats* do rub themselves and grunt.

May'st

But the Old *Soldier*, has his resting place,
 And the good batter'd *Horse* is turn'd to *Grass*.
 The harraſt *Whore*, who liv'd a *wretch* to please,
 Has leave to be a *Bawd*, and take her ease.
 For me then, who have freely ſpent my Blood,
 (*Love*) in thy Service, and ſo boldly ſtood
 In *Celia's Trenches*, weren't not wiſely done,
 E'n to retire, and live at peice at home?
 No—might I gain a *God-head*, to diſclaim,
 My glorious *Title*, to my endless flame:
Divinity, with ſcorn, I wou'd forſwear,
 Such ſweet, dear, tempting *Devils*, *Women* are.
 When e're thoſe flames grow faint, I quickly find,
 A fierce black Storm, pour down upon my *Mind*:
 Head-long, I'm hurl'd, like *Horſe-men*, who in vain,
 Their (fury foaming) *Courſers*, wou'd reſtrain,
 As *Ships*, juſt when the *Harbour* they attain,
 Are Snatcht by ſudden *Blaſts*, to *Sea* again:
 So *Loves* fantaſticks ſtorms, reduce my *Heart*,
 Half-reſcu'd, and the *God* reſumes his *Dart*.
 Strike here, this undefended *Bosome* wound,
 And for ſo brave a *Conqueſt* be renown'd.
Shafts fly ſo faſt to me from ev'ry part,
 You'll ſcarce diſcern your *Quiver* from my *Heart*.
 What *wretch* can bear a live-long Nights dull reſt,
 Or think himſelf in Lazy *Slumbers* bleſt?
Fool——is not ſleep the Image of pale *Death*?
 There's time for reſt, when Fate has ſtopt your
 (Breath.
 Me, may my ſoft deluding *Dear* deceive,
 I'm happy in my hopes, whiſt I believe.

Now

Now let her Flatter, then as fondly Clide ;
 Often may I enjoy, oft be deny'd.
 With doubtful steps the God of War does move,
 By thy Example, in Ambiguous Love.
 Blown to and fro like *Down* from thy own Wing;
 Who knows when Joy or Anguish, thou wilt bring?
 Yet at thy Mothers, and thy Slaves request.
 Fix an Eternal Empire in my Breast ;
 And let the inconstant charming Sex,
 Whose wilful Scorns does Lovers Vex ;
 Submit their Hearts before thy Throne,
 The Vassal World is then thy own.

The Maim'd Debauchee.

AS some brave Admiral, in former War,
 Depriv'd of Force, but prest with Courage
 Two Rival-Fleets appearing from afar, (still;
 Crawls to the top of an adjacent Hill,
 From whence (with thoughts full of concern) he
 (views
 The wise and daring Conduct of the Fight,
 And each bold Action to his Mind renews
 His present Glory, and his past Delight.
 From his fierce Eyes Flashes of Rage he throws,
 As from black Clouds when Lightning breaks
 (away,
 Transported, thinks himself amidst his Foes,
 And absent yet enjoys the Bloody Day.

So

So when my Days of Impotence approach,
 And I'm by Pox and Wines unlucky Chance
 Driv'n from the pleasing Billows of Debauch,
 On the dull Shoar of Lazy Temperance.

My Pains at last some Respite shall afford,
 Whilst I behold the Battels you maintain,
 When Fleets of Glasses sail about the Board,
 From whose Broad sides Volleys of Wit shall rain.

Nor shall the sight of Honourable Scars,
 Which my too forward Valour did procure,
 Frighten new-listed Souldiers from the Wars;
 Past Joys have more than paid what I endure.
 Shou'd hopeful Youths (worth being drunk) prove
 (Nice

And from their fair Inviters meanly shrink,
 'Twou'd please the Ghost of my departed Vice,
 If at my Counsel they repent and drink.

Or shou'd some cold-complexion'd Sot forbid,
 With his dull Morals, our Nights brisk Alarms,
 I'll fire his Blood, by telling what I did
 When I was strong, and able to bear Arms.

I'll tell of Whores attack'd, there Lords at home,
 Bawds Quarters beaten up, and Fortrefs wone,
 Windows demolish'd, Watches overcome,
 And handfom ills, by my contrivance done.

Nor shall our Love-fits, *Cloris* be forgot,
 When each the well-lookt Link-boy strove t'enjoy,
 And the best Kifs was the deciding Lot,
 Whether the Boy us'd you, or I the Boy.

With Tales like these, I will such Heat inspire,
 As to important Mischief shall incline ;
 I'll make them long some Ancient Church to fire,
 And fear no Lewdness they're call'd to by Wine.
 Thus States-man like, I'll sawcily impose,
 And safe from Danger, valiantly advise,
 Shelter'd in impotence, urge you to Blows,
 And being good for nothing else, be wise.

The Argument,

*How Tall-Boy, Kill-Prick, Suck-Prick did
 contend
 For Bridegroom Dildo, Friend did fight with
 Friend ;
 But Man of God, by Lay-men called Parson,
 Contriv'd by turns, how each might rub her
 Arse on.*

SAY, Heav'n-born Muse, for only thou canst tell,
 How discord Dire between two Widows fell;
 What made the Fair One, and her well-shap'd
 (Mother,
 Duty forget, and pious Nature smother.
 Who was most Modest, Virtuous, or Fair,
 Was not the cause of contest, I dare swear.
 Nor Wit, nor Breeding, rais'd this Emulation ;
 Those things with them are Trifles out of fashion:
 Great was the Strife rais'd up by envious Fate,
 To ruin Pego's happy Reign and State.

When

When R——with evil Eye beheld
The Three dear Friends, his Heart with Rancour
(swell'd,

That in one House they were of one accord,
Wanton in Bed, and Riotous at Board,
Preferring Brawny G——to Spiny Lord;
He vow'd to break this Triple League of Love,
And from their Breasts sweet *Friendship* to remove.

In a foul Day from bawdy *Bath* he flies,
To put in Act his hasted Enterprife.
I'th' Bow'r of Blifs, where sacred Ballocks dwell,
There lives a Hag deep read in Charms and spells,
Philters and Potions, that by magick Skill
Can give an Eunuch Stones, and Cunt its fill;
Babes at her call fly from the breeding Womb,
With neighbor Turd in loathsome Jakes to roam;
As oft as Finger, *Dildo*, *Pego*, rape
The Virgin *Hymen*, she repairs the Gap:
Frm'd through the World for the Cunt-mending
(Trade:

To her he goes, t' implore her mighty Aid;
By Men she's call'd the Mother of the Maids.
Hail, worthy Dame, (said he) repleat with Grace,
Mother o'th' Maids, Daughter of Noble Race!
Whilst men of God to *Betty B——* go, (flow,
Whilst Prick and Pen with white an black do's
My lasting Verse shall magnifie thy Faine,
And melting Tarse adore thy holy Name;
Therefore, dear mother lend thine equal Ear
To my Complaint, and favour my just Pray'r.
There is a Place, a down a gloomy Vale, *Bath*.
Where but then'd Nature lays her nasty Tail;

Ten thousand Pilgrims thither do resort
 For Ease, Disease, for Letchery and Sport:
 Thither two Beldams and a jilting Wife
 Came to Swive of the tedious Hours of Life.
 I willing to contribute to their joy,
 Offer'd my *Mite* to th' young unfatiate Toy,
 Who banish'd Cuck, cause Cunt he cou'd not cloy.
 Her upright Dam, *Kill-Prick*, the wise old Jew,
 Told me, I must twelve times her Womb bedew.
 E're her Child *Suck-prick* should her Bottocks shew.
 Resolv'd to win (like *Hercules*) the Prize, (thighs;
 Twelve times I scour'd the Kennel 'twixt her
 The cheating Jilt, at the Twelfth, *A dry bob* cries.
 My Prick and I thus cross-bit in high Rage
 Appeal'd to the skilful Sticklers on the Stage;
 With that fair *Tall-boy* and bold *Suck-prick* come
 To squeeze my Tarse and pass their final Doom;
 Saying, if one *Priapus* I could shew
 One holy Relick of kind pearly Dew,
 I the twelfth time in *Kill-prick's* Arse did spew.
 To their deciding Test I did submit;
Priapus squeez'd, a Snow-ball did emit:
 Yet these two partial Dames, *A dry-bob* cry,
 Perform your Bargain (Peer) or Frig and die.
 Thus was I rook'd of twelve substantial Fucks,
 By these base stinking over itching Nocks.
 Your Aid, your Aid, dear *Mother* me inspire
 VVith apt Revenge to feed my raging Fire.
 The gracious *Matron*, smiling on him, said,
 Be it as thou desir'st my dear lov'd Lad;
 For this Abuse the Rump fed Runts shall mourn,
 Till slimy Cunt to grimy Arse-hole turn.

By

By her Caves mouth a verdant Myrtle grows,
 Bearing Loves Trophies on his sacred Boughs ;
 The Crowns of Kings were offer'd to this Shrine,
Dildoes and *Merkins* of the Royal Line ;
 Fair *Ladies Hearts* with mitred Pricks transfixt,
 In mystick manner make the Crucifix.
 To the Tree she leads him, from a Bough pulls
 A mighty Tool, a *Dildoe* of Renown : (down,
 A *Dildoe* long, and large, as *Hector's* Lance,
 Inscribed, *Honi Soit Qui Mal y' Pence*.
 Knight of the Garter made for's vast Deserts,
 As Modern *Heroe* was for's monstrous Parts,
 This, Pious Son, (said she) Nail up in Box,
 By Carrier send it these fault-burning Nocks,
 Directed thus : *To the Lady most deserving,* (ving.
Who's made most Slaves, and kept most Pricks from star-
 O're-joy'd with hop'd Success, away he flies
 To *Bath* disguis'd, to bear the welcome Prize ;
 But when they saw the Image of Blest Man,
 Who can express how fast, how swift they ran,
 Each for herself so seized ! No Dog at Deer,
 Nor Hawk at Hern shew'd such a swift Career ;
 At once they souse on the beloved Prey,
 And sworn Friends to engage in mortal Fray.
 Old *Kill-Prick*, dreadful to her Friends and Foes,
 Like *Luxemburgh* in Back and Breast-plate shows.
 Gigantick *Tall-Boy*, famed in the West
 For *Cornish-Hugg*, to the Fight her self addrest ;
 Whilst the Child *Suck-Prick* hop'd to steal away,
 By Stratagem, the Glory of the Day.
 But all in vain, *Tall-Boy* with one Hand held
Jov's Prize, which th' other crafty *Suck-prick* fell'd :

But Looks, nor Meanaces, nor crashing Blow,
 Cou'd make stout *Kill-Prick* quit her lov'd *Dildoe* :
 Undaunted, she maintain'd a Cruel Fight,
 For Conquest scratcht and tore with all her might.
 So have I seen a Crump-back'd Crablouse stick
 With fervent love to lick creating Prick ;
 The more he pulls, the more the loving Wretch
 Do's strive to stay, and to each Hair do's catch,
 Till Murd'ring Man, enrag'd, from Ballock tears
 The Nock-born Brat, and ends his hopeful Years.
 So had it fair'd with *Kill-Prick*, had not Fate
 Sent *Man of God* to end the Dire Debate.

*What Rage, what Fury (said he) do's ye stir,
 To shed the Blood of Saints in Cruel War ?
 How will you make the Mother Church to Mourn,
 And to Fanatiks be the Publick Scorn ?
 For shame, Dear Souls, reserve your Noble Blood
 To spend with Man. Abasht the Warriors stood
 To see the Holy Father in the Place ;
 But strait on the Matter putting a good Face,
 Thus Kill-Prick spake : To you, O Reverend Sir,
 The Justness of the Cause I will transfer ;
 A Cause to great for Lay-men vile to try,
 Fit for Plus Ultra's deep Divinity ;
 A cause for which Blest Saints above would Die !*

The Modest *Tall-Boy* so devout appears,
 Though stealing Pricks, you'd think she said her
 (Pray's.
 And though sh' had almost won the Bloody Field,
 With *Suck Prick*) Babe of Grace) to this do's yield.
 The cause being stated, Holy Man do's pray
 For a Blessing on's Endeavours, then do's say,
 Whereas,

Whereas, Sage Matrons, you do all agree,
 Your Case to yield to my Integrity,
 Fitter for General Council than weak me;
 Dildo's a lawful Tool, deny't who can,
 I'll prove 'tis made for a meet help for Man;
 As unto Rector, Curate is assistant,
 So Dildo's to fall'n Prick, when Cunt has pist on't.
 But here's th' Elest ordain'd for Propagation,
 Who trusts in this, is blest in Generation:
 This has done more than Tunbridge, Bath or Epsom,
 Though ne're so barren this is sure to help 'm.

Then pulling out the Rector of the Females,
 Nine times he bath'd him in their piping hot
 Panting, quoth he, Now Peace be on you all, (Tails:
 When I am absent, then on Dildoe call;
 As those in Holy-Church to Image pray,
 When Wonderworking Saint is out o' th' way.

Thus all well-pleas'd, to Church away they go,
 To sing *Te Deum* for their dear Dildoe.

An Allusion to Harace,

The Tenth Satyr on the First Book.

Nempe incomposito Dixi pede, &c.

WELL Sir, 'tis granted, I said D—Rhimes
 Were stoln, unequal, nay dull many
 (times :
 What foolish Patron is there found of his,
 So blindly partial to deny me this?

But

But that his Plays, embroider'd up and down
 With Wit and Learning, justly pleas'd the Town,
 In the same Paper I as freely own.
 Yet having this allow'd the heavy Mass
 That stuffs up his loose Volumes must not pass :
 For by that Rule I might as well admit
Crown's tedious Scences for Poetry and Wit.
 'Tis therefore not enough when your false Sense
 Hits the false Judgment of an Audience,
 Of Clapping Fools assembled a vast Crowd,
 Till the throng'd *Playhouse* crack with the *dull Load*;
 Though ev'n that Talent merits, in some sort,
 That can divert the Rabble, and the Court ;
 Which blundring S— never cou'd attain,
 And puzzling O— labours at in vain :
 But within due Proportions circumscribe
 What e're you write, that with a flowing Tide
 The Stile may rise, yet in his rise forbear
 With useles words t' oppress the wearied Ear.
 Here be your Language lofty, there more light,
 Your Rhetorick with your Poetry unite :
 For Elegance sake sometimes allay the force
 Of Epithets, 'twill soften the Discourse.
 A Jest in scorn points out and hit the thing
 More home than the moroser *Satyr's* Sting.
Shakespear and *Johnson* did herein excel,
 And might in this be imitated well ;
 Whom refin'd E—— Copies not at all,
 But is himself a meer Original.
 Nor that slow Drug in swift *Pinderick Strains*,
 F—— who C—— imitates with pains,
 And Rides a Jaded Muse whipt with loose Reins.
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When *Lee* makes temp'rate *Scipio* fret and rave,
 And *Hanibal* a whining Amorous Slave,
 I laugh, and with the hot-brain'd Fustian Fool
 In *B——* Hands to be well laſt at School.
 Of all our Modern Wits, none ſeems to me
 One to have touch'd upon true *Comedy*,
 But haſty *Shadwel*, and ſlow *Wicherly*.
Shadwel's unfinish'd works do yet impart
 Great proofs of force of Nature, none of Art ;
 With juſt bold Strokes he daſhes here and there,
 Shewing great Maſtery, with little Care ;
 And ſcorns to varniſh his great touches o're,
 To make the Fools and Woman praife 'em more.
 But *Wichery* earns hard what e're he gains,
 He wants no Judgment, nor he ſpares no Pains ;
 He frequently excels, and at the leaſt
 Makes fewer Faults than any of the beſt.
Waller, by Nature for the Bays deſign'd,
 With Force, and Fire, and Fancy unconfin'd,
 In *Panegyricks* do's excel Mankind.
 He beſt can turn, enforce, and ſoſten things,
 To praife Great Conquerors, or to flatter Kings.
 For pointed *Satyrs* I would *Buckhurſt* chuſe,
 The beſt good Man, with the worſt natur'd Muſe,
 For Songs and Verſes, mannerly, obſcene,
 That then ſtir Nature up by Spring unſeen,
 And without forcing Bluſhes, warm the Queen.
Sidley has that prevailing, gentle Art,
 That can with a reſiſtleſs Charm impart
 The looſeſt Wiſhes to the chaſteſt Heart ;
 Raiſe ſuch a Conflict, kindle ſuch a Fire,
 Betwixt declining Vertue and Deſire,

Till

Till the poor vanquisht Maid desolves away,
In Dreams all Night, in Sighs and Tears all Day.

D— in vain try'd this nice way of Wit.
For he to be a tearing Blade thought fit;
But when he wou'd be sharp, he still was blunt,
To frisk his frolick Fancy, he'd cry *Cunt*,
Wou'd give the Ladies a dry Bawdy Bob,
And thus he got the Name of *Poet-Squab*.
But to be just, 'twill to his praise be found,
His Excellencies more then Faults abound;
Nor dear I from his Sacred Temples tear
That Lawrel which he best deserves to wear.
But do's not D— find even *Johnson* dull?
Fletcher and *Beaumont* uncorrect, and full
Of *Lewd Lines*, as he calls them? *Shakespear's* Stile
Stiff and affected; to his own the while
Allowing all the Justness that his Pride
So arragantly had to these deny'd?
And may not I have leave impartially
To search and censure D— Works, and try
If those gross Faults his choice Pen do's commit,
Proceed from want of Judgment, or of Wit?
Or if his lumpish Fancy do's refuse
Spirit and Grace, to lose his flattern Muse?
Five Hundred Verses every Morning writ,
Proves you no more a Poet, than a Wit:
Such scribbling Authors have been seen before;
Mustapha, the *English Princess*, Forty more,
Were things perhaps compos'd in half an hour:
To write what may securely stand the Test
Of being well read over thrice at least,

Compare

Compare each Phraife, examine every Line,
 Weigh ev'ry *Word*, and ev'ry *Thought* refine;
 Scorn all *Applause* the vile Rout can bestow,
 And be content to please those few you know.
 Canst thou be such a vain mistaken *Thing*,
 To wish thy *Works* might make a Play-house ring
 With the unthinking *Laughter* and poor *Praise*
 Of Fops and Ladies, factious for thy *Plays*?
 Then, send a cunning to learn thy Doom
 From the shrewd Judges of the Drawing Room.
 I've no *Ambition* on that idle score,
 But say with *Betty M—* heretofore,
 When a Court-Lady call'd her *B— Whore*;
 I please one Man of *Wit*, and Proud on't too,
 Let all the Coxcombs dance to *Bed* to you.
 Shou'd I be troubled when the pur-blind Knight,
 Who squints more in his Judgment than his Sight,
 Picks silly Faults, and censures what I write?
 Or when the poor-fed *Poets* of the Town
 For Scraps and Coach room cry my Verses down?
 I loath the Rabble, 'tis enough for me
 If *S—, S—, W—*.
G—, B—, B—, B—,
 And some few more, whom I omit to name,
 Approve my Sense, I count their Censure Fame.

In Defence of Satyr.

When *Shakespear, Johnson, Fletcher*, rul'd the
 (Stage,
 They took so bold a Freedom with the Age,
 That

That there was scarce a Knave or Fool in *Town*,
 Of any Note, but had his Picture shown ;
 And (without doubt) though some it may offend,
 Nothing helps more than *Satyr* to amend
 Ill manners, or his trulier Virtues Friend.
 Princes may Laws ordain, Priests gravely Preach,
 But Poets most successfully will teach.
 For as a Passing-Bell frights from his Meat
 The greedy sick Man that too much wou'd eat ;
 So when a Vice ridiculous is made, (bad.
 Our Neighbor's Shame keeps us from growing
 But wholesome Remedies few Palates please,
 Men rather loves that flatters their Disease ;
 Pimps, Parasites Buffoons, and all their Crew
 That under Friendships Name weak Man undo,
 Find their false Service kindlier understood,
 Than such as tell bold *Truths* to do us good.
 Look where you will, and you shall hardly find
 A Man without some sickness of the Mind.
 In vain we *Wise* wou'd seem, while ev'ry Lust
 Whisks us about, as *Whirlwinds* do the Dust.

Here, for some needkess Gain, a *Wretch* is hurl'd
 From Pole to Pole, and flay'd about the *World* ;
 While the Reward of all his Pains and Care
 End in that despicable Thing, his Heir.
 There a vain Fop Mortgages all his Land,
 To buy that gaud Play-thing, a Command :
 To ride a Cock-horse wear a Scarf at's Afs,
 And Play the *Puding* in a *May-day* Farce.

Here one, whom God to make a *Fool* thought
 (fit,
 In spite of Providence will be a Wit ;
 But

But wanting strength to uphold his ill-made choice,
 Sets up with Lewdness, Blasphemy, and Noise.
 There, at his Mistress Feet a Lover lies,
 And for a Tawdery Painted Baby Dies;
 Fall on his Knees, Adores, and is afraid
 Of the vain Idol he himself has made.
 These, and a Thousand Fools unmention'd here,
 Hate Poets all, because they Poets fear :
 Take heed (they cry) yonder Mad Dog will bite,
 He cares not whom he falls on in his Fit ;
 Come but in's way, and straight a new *Lampoon*
 Shall spread your manag'd Fame about the Town.

But why am I this Bug-bear to ye all ;
 My Pen is dipt in no such bitter Gall.
 He that can rain at one he call's his Friend,
 Or hear him absent wrong'd, and not defend ;
 who for the sake of some ill-naur'd Jest,
 Tell what he shou'd conceal, invents the rest ;
 To fatal Midnight Quarrels can betray
 His brave Companion, and then run away,
 Leaving him to be murder'd in the Street,
 Then put it off with some Buffoon Conceit ;
 This, this is he you shou'd beware of all,
 Yet him a pleasant witty *Man* you call.
 To whet your dull Debauches, up and down
 You seek him, as top Fidler of the Town.

But if I laugh when the Court Cox-combs
 To see that Booby *Sotus* dance *Provoe*, (show,
 Or chatt'ring *Porus* from the Side-Box grin,
 Trickt like a Ladies Monkey new made clean,
 To me the name of *Railer* strait you give,
 Call me a Man that knows not how to live.

But

But Wenches to their Keepers true shall turn,
 Stail Maids of Honour proffer'd Husbands scorn,
 Great Statesmen Flattery and Clinches hate,
 And, long in Office, Die without Estate;
 Against a Bribe, Court-Judges shall decide
 The City Knavery, the Clergy Pride,
 E're that black Malice in my Rhimes you find,
 That wrongs a Worthy Man, or hurts a Friend:
 But then perhaps you'l say, Why do you write?
 What you think harmless Mirth, the World

(thinks Spite;

Why shou'd your Fingers itch to have a Lash
 At *Simius* the Buffoon, or *Cully Bash*?
 What is't to you, if *Aliodore's* fine Whore
 Fucks with some Fop, whilst he's shut out of door?
 Consider pray; that dang'rous Weapon Wit;
 Frightens a Million, when a few you hit.
 Whip but a Cur, as you ride through a Town,
 And strait his Fellow-Curs the Quarrel own.
 Each Knave or Fool that's conscious of a Crime;
 Tho' he scapes now looks for't another time.

Sir, I confess all you have said is true;
 But who has not some Folly to pursue?
Milo turn'd *Quixot*, fanc'd Battles Fights,
 When the fifth Bottle had encreas'd the Lights.

War-like Dirt-pies our *Heroe Paris* forms,
 Which desp'rate *Bosses* without Armour storms.

Cornus, the kindest Husband e're was born,
 Still courts the Spark that do's his Brows adorn?
 Invites him home to Dine, and fills his Veins
 With the hot Blood which his dear Doxy drains.

Grandio thinks himself a *Beau Garçon*,
 Goggles his Eyes, writes Letters up and down,
 And with his lawcy Love plagues all the Town.
 While pleas'd to have his Vanity thus fed,
 He's caught with G——, that old Hag a-bed,
 But shou'd I all the crying Follies tell
 That rowse the sleeping *Satyr* from his Cell,
 To my Reader shou'd as tedious prove,
 As that old Spark, *Albanus*, making Love;
 Or florid *Roscus*, when with some smooth flame
 He gravely on the Publick tries to sham.

Hold then my Muse, 'tis time to make an end,
 Lest taxing others thou thy self offend.
 The World's a Wood, in which all lose their way
 Though by a diff'rent Path each goes astray.

*On the supposed Author of a late Poem in
 defence of Satyr.*

TO rack and torture thy unmeaning Brain
 In *Satyr's* praise, to a low untun'd Strain,
 In thee was most impertinent and vain.
 When in thy *Person* we most clearly see
 That *Satyr's* of Divine Authority,
 For God made one on *Man*, when he made Thee;
 To shew there were some *Men*, as there are *Apes*,
 Fram'd for meer Sport, who differ but in Shapes;
 In thee are all these Contradictions joyn'd,
 That make an *Ass* prodigious and refin'd.
 A Lump deform'd and shapeless wert thou born,
 Begot in Lov's despite, and Natures scorn,
 And

And art grown up the most ungreatful Weight,
 Harsh to the Ear, and hideous to the Sight;
 Yet *Love's* thy Bus'ness, *Beauty* thy Delight.
 Curse on that silly Hour that first inspir'd
 Thy Madness to pretend to be admir'd,
 To paint thy griezly Face, to dance, to drefs,
 And all those awkward Follies that express
 Thy loathsome Love, and filthy Daintiness;
 Who needs will be an ugly *Beau Garcon*,
 Spit at, and shun'd by ev'ry Girl in Town,
 Where dreadfully *Loves Scarecrow* thou art plac'd,
 To fright the tender Flock that long to taste:
 While ev'ry coming *Maid*, when you appear,
 Starts back for shame, and straight turns Chaste
 (for fear.

For none so poor or *Prostitute* have prov'd,
 Where you made love, t' endure to be belov'd.
 'Twere labour lost, or else I would advise,
 But thy half *Wit* will ne're let the be wise:
 Half-witty, and half-mad, and scarce half-brave,
 Half-honest (which is very much a *Knave*)
 Made up of all these halves, thou canst not pass
 For any thing intirely but an *Ass*.

..... — *The Answer* —

Rail on, poor feeble *Scribler*, speak of me
 In as bad Terms as the World speaks of thee.
 Sit swelling in thy *Hole* like a vex'd *Toad*,
 And full of *Pox* and *Malice* spit abroad;
 Thou canst hurt no *Man's Fame* with thy ill word,
 Thy Pen is full as harmless as thy Sword.

Seneca's Troas, *Act.* 2. Chorus.

After Death Nothing is, and Nothing, Death,
 The utmost Limits of a gasp of Breath:
 Let the Ambitious Zealot lay aside
 His Hopes of *Heav'n* (where Faith is but his Pride)
 Let *Slavish Souls* lay by their Fear,
 Nor be concern'd which way, nor where,
 After this Life they shall be hurl'd,
 Dead, we become the *Lumber* of the *World*,
 And to that *Mass* of *Matter* shall be swept,
 Where things *destroy'd* with things *unborn* are kept.
 Devouring Time swallows us whole,
 Impartial *Death* confounds *Body* and *Soul*:
 For *Hell*, and the foul *Friend*, that rules
 God's everlasting fiery *Goals*,
 Devis'd by *Rogues*, dreaded by *Fools*,
 (With his grim griezly *Dog*, that keeps the *Door*,)
 Are senseless *Stories*, idle *Tales*,
Dreams, *Whimsies*, and no more.

Upon Nothing.

I.

Nothing, thou *Elder Brother* even to *Shade*,
 Thou hadst a Being e're the *World* was made,
 And (well fixt) art alone of ending not afraid.

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2.

E're Time & Place were, Time & Place were not,
When *Primitive Nothing* something straight begot,
Then all proceeded from the great United What?

3.

Something the general *Attribute* of all,
Sever'd from thee its sole *Original*,
Into thy boundless self must undistinguish'd fall.

4.

Yet something did thy Mighty Pow's command,
And from thy fruitful Emptinesses Hand
Snatch *Men, Beasts, Birds, Fire, Air and Land*.

5.

Matter, the wicked'st off-spring of thy Race,
By *Form* assisted, flew from thy Embrace;
And *Rebel Light* obscur'd thy reverend dusky Face.

6.

With *Form* and *Matter*, *Time* and *Place* did join,
Body, thy Foe, with thee did Leagues combine,
To spoil thy peaceful *Realm*, and ruin all thy *Line*.

7.

But Turn-coat *Time* assists the Foe in vain,
And Brib'd by thee, assists thy short-liv'd Reign,
And to thy hungry *Womb* drives back thy Slaves

8.

(again

Tho' *Mysteries* are barr'd from laick-Eyes,
And the Divine alone with Warrant pries
Into thy *Bosom*, where thy *Truth* in private lies:

9.

Yet this of thee the *Wise* may freely say,
Thou from the *Virtuous* nothing tak'st away,
And to be part of thee, the *Wicked* wisely pray.

10. Great

10.

Great *Negative*, how vainly wou'd the Wise
Enquire, define, distinguish, teach, devise,
Didst thou not stand to point their dull *Philosophies*.

11.

Is, or Is not, the two great ends of Fate,
And true or false the Subject of Debate,
That perfect or destroy the vast designs of Fate.

12.

When they have rack'd the Politicians Breast,
Within thy *Bosom* most securely rest,
And when reduc'd to thee, are least unsafe and

13.

(best.

But *Nothing*, why do's Something still permit
That Sacred *Monarchs* shou'd at Council sit
With *Persons* highly thought, at best, for *nothing* fit?

14.

Whilst weighty *Something* modestly abstains
From Princes *Coffers*, and from States-mens *Brains*,
And *Nothing* there like stately *Nothing* reigns.

15.

Nothing, who dwel'st with Fools in grave disguise,
For whom the rev'rend *Shapes* and *Forms* devise,
Lawn-Sleeves, and Furs, and Gowns, when they
(like thee look Wise.

16.

French Truth, *Dutch* Prowess, *British* Policy,
Hybernian Learning, *Scotch* Civility,
Spaniards Dispatch, *Danes* Wit, are mainly seen in
(thee.

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17. The

The Great *Mans* Gratitude to his best *Friend*,
Kings Promises, *Whores* Vows, towards thee they
 (bend,
 Flow swiftly into thee, and in thee ever end.

Upon his leaving his Mistress.

'TIS not that I'm weary grown
 Of being yours, and yours alone,
 But with what Face can I incline
 To Damn you to be only mine?
 You whom some *kinder Pow'r* did fashion,
 By Merit, and by Inclination.
 The Joy at least of one whole *Nation*.

Let meaner Spirits of your *Sex*
 With humbler Aims there Thoughts perplex,
 And boast if by their Arts they can
 Contrive to make one happy *Man*;
 Whilst mov'd with an impartial Sense,
 Favours like Nature you dispense,
 With Universal Influence.

See the kind receiving Earth
 To ev'ry Grain affords a *Birth*;
 On her no Show'rs unwelcom fall,
 Her willing *Womb* retains them all;
 And shall my *Celia* be confin'd?
 No, live up to thy mighty *Mind*,
 And be the Mistress of *Mankind*.

Song.

IN the *Fields* of *Lincoln Inn*,
 Underneath a tatter'd *Blanket*,
 On a *Flock-Bed*, God be thanked,
 Feats of active Love were seen.

Phillis, who you know loves *Swiving*,
 As the *Gods* love pious *Prayers*,
 Lay most *Pensively* contriving
 How to Fuck with *Pricks* by Pairs.

Coridon's Aspiring *Tarse*,
 Which to *Cunt* had ne're submitted,
 Wet with Am'rous Kifs, she fitted
 To her less frequented *Arse*.

Strephon's was a *Handful* longer,
 Stiffly propt with eager *Lust*,
 None for *Champion* was more stronger,
 This into her *Cunt* she thrust.

Now for Civil Wars prepare,
 Rais'd by fierce intestine Bustle.
 When these *Heroes* meeting Juggle
 In the Bowels of the Fair.

They *Tilt* and *Thrust* with horrid pudder,
 Blood and Slaughter is decreed,
 Hurling Souls at one another,
 Wrapt in flakey Clots of Seed.

Nature had'twixt *Cunt* and *Arse*
 Wisely plac'd firm separation,
 God knows else what desolation
 Had infu'd from Warring *Tarse*.

Though *Fate* a dismal end did threaten,
 It prov'd no worse than was desir'd;
 The *Nymph* was foundly Ballock-beaten,
 Both the Shepherds foundly tir'd.

Upon his drinking a Bowl.

Vulcan, contrive me such a Cup
 As *Nestor* us'd of old,
 Shew all thy Skill to trim it up,
 Damask it round with Gold.

Make it so large, that fill'd with Sack
 Up to the swelling Brim,
 Vast Toasts on the delicious Lake,
 Like Ships at Sea may swim.

Engrave not Battle on his Cheek,
 With War I've nought to do,
 I'm none of those that took *Mastrick*,
 Nor *Yarmouth* Leaguer knew,

Let it no Name of Planets tell,
 Fix'd Stars, or Constellation?
 For I am no Sir *Sydrophel*,
 Nor none of his Relation?

But Carve thereon a spreading Vine,
 Then add two lovely Boys,
 Their Limbs in Amorous Folds entwine,
 the Type of future Joys.

Cupid and *Bacchus* my Saints are,
 May Drink and Love still reign,
 With Wine I wash away my Cares,
 And then to *Cunt* again.

Song.

AS *Cloris* full of harmless thoughts
 Beneath a *Willow* lay,
 Kind *Love* a youthful *Shepherd* brought
 To pass the time away.

She blush't to be encounter'd so,
 And chid the Amorous Swain ;
 But as she strove to rise and go,
 He pull'd her down again.

A sudden Passion seiz'd her Heart,
 In spite of her disdain,
 She found a Pulse in ev'ry Part,
 And Love in ev'ry Vein.

Ah Youth (said she) what *Charms* are these
 That Conquer and Surprise ?
 Ah let me——for unless you please,
 I have no power to rise.

She fainting spoke, and trembling lay,
 For fear she shou'd comply ;
 Her lovely *Eyes* her *Heart* betray,
 And give her *Tongue* the Lie.

Thus she whom *Princes* had deny'd,
 With all their *Pomb* and *Train*,
 Was in the lucky *Minute* try'd,
 And yielded to the *Swain*.

Song.

Quoth the Dutches of Cl— to Mrs. Kn—
 I'd fain have a *Prick*, but how to come by't,
 I desire you'll be secret, and give your Advice,
 Though *Cunt* be not Coy, Reputation is Nice.
 To some Cellar in *Sodom* your Grace must retire,
 There *Porters* with Black Pots sit round a *Coal-fire*.
 There open your Case, and your Grace cannot fail
 Of a Dozen of *Pricks* for a Dozen of *Ale*.
 Is't so, quoth the Dutches? Ay by God, quoth the
 (Whore;
 Then give me the Key that unlocks the Back door,
 For I had rather be Fuckt with Porters & Carmen,
 Than thus be abus'd by C—— and G——

Song.

I Rise at Eleven, I Dine about *Two*, (do,
 I get Drunk before Seven, and the next thing I
 I send for my *Whore*, when for fear of a *Clap*,
 I Spend in her Hand, and I Spew in her Lap;
 There we Quarrel and Scold till I fall asleep,
 When the Bitch growing bold, to my Pocket do's
 (creep.
 Then slyly she leaves me, and to revenge the Af-
 (front,
 At once she bereaves me of Money and *Cunt*.

If

If by chance then I wake, hot-headed and drunk,
 What a Coil do I make for the loss of my Punk?
 I storm, and I roar, and I fall in a rage,
 And missing my Whore, I Bugger my Page.
 Then Crop-sick all Morning, I rail at my Men,
 And in Bed I lie yawning till Eleven agen.

Song.

LOve a Woman! y'are an Afs,
 'Tis a most insipid Passion,
 To Chuse out for happiness
 The idlest part of God's Creation.
 Let the Porter and the Groom,
 Things design'd for Dirty Slaves,
 Drudg in Fair *Aurelia's* Womb,
 To get Supplies for Age and Graves
 Farewel Woman, I intend
 Henceforth ev'ry Night to sit
 With my Lewd Well-natur'd Friend,
 Drinking, to engender Wit.
 Then give me Health, Wealth, Mirth, and Wine,
 And it busie Love intrenches,
 There's a sweet soft Page of mine,
 Do's the Trick worth Forty Wenches.

Song to Cloris.

FAir *Cloris* in a Pig-sty lay,
 Her tender Head lay by her ;

She

She slept, in murm'ring Gruntlings they
Complaining of the scorching Day,
Her slumbers thus inspire.

She dreamt, while she with careful pains
Her snowy Arms employ'd,
In Ivory Pails, to fill out Grains,
One of her Love-convicted Swains
Thus hasting to her, cry'd ;

Fly *Nymph* ! Oh fly ! e're 'tis too late,
A dear-lov'd Life to save ;
Rescue your Bosom-Pig from Fate,
Who now expires, hung in the Gate
That leads to yonder Cave.

My self had try'd to set him free,
Rather than brought the News,
But I am so abhorr'd by thee,
That ev'n the Darlings Life from me
I know thou wou'dst refuse.

Struck with the News, as quick she flies
As Blushes to her Face ;
Not the bright Lightning from the Skies,
No love shot from her bright Eyes,
Move half so swif a pace.

This Plot it seems the Lustful Slave
Had laid against her Honour,
Which not one God took care to save,
For he pursues her to the Cave,
And throws himself upon her.

Now pierced is her *Virgin Zone*,
She feels the *Foe* within it,

She

She hears a broken Am'rous Groan,
The panting Lover's fainting Moan,
Just in the happy *Minute*.

Frighted she wakes, and waking Friggs,
Nature thus kindly eas'd ;
In Dreams rais'd by her murm'ring *Piggs*,
And her own Thumb between her *Leggs*,
She innocent and pleas'd.

Song.

Give me leave to raile at you,
I ask nothing but my due ;
To call you false, and then to say,
You shall not keep my *Heart* a Day.
But alas ! against my will,
I must be your Captive still :
Ah ! be kinder then, for I
Cannot change, and would not Die.

Kindness has resistless Charms,
All besides but weakly move,
Fiercest Anger it disarms,
And clips the Wings of flying *Love*.
Beauty do's the Heart invade,
Kindness only can persuade ;
It gilds the *Lover's* servile Chain,
And makes the Saint grow pleas'd again.

The Answer.

Nothing adds to your fond Fire
 More than Scorn, and cold Disdain;
 I, to cherish your Desire,
 Kindness us'd, but 'twas in vain.
 You insulted on your Slave,
 Humble Love you soon refus'd,
 Hope not then a Pow'r to have
 Which ingloriously you us'd.

Think not *Thirsis*, I will e're
 By my Love my Empire lose;
 You grow constant through Despair,
 Love return'd you wou'd abuse.
 Though you still possess my Heart,
 Scorn and Rigour I must feign.
 Ah! forgive that only Art
 Love has left you Love to gain.

You that cou'd my Heart subdue,
 To new Conquests ne're pretend,
 Let your Example make me true,
 And of a Conquer'd Foe a Friend:
 Then if e're I shou'd complain
 Of your Empire, or my Chain,
 Summon all your pow'rful Charms,
 And sell the Rebel in your Arms.

Song.

P*Hillis*, be gentler I advise,
 Make up for time mispent,
 When *Beauty* on its *Death-bed* lies,
 'Tis high time to Repent.

Such is the *Malice* of your *Fate*,
 That makes you old so soon,
 Your Pleasure ever comes to late,
 How early e're begun.

Think what a wretched thing is she
 Whose *Stars* contrive in spight,
 The *Morning* of her Love shou'd be,
 Her Fading *Beauties Night*.

Then if to make your Ruin more,
 You'll Peevishly be Coy,
 Dye with the Scandal of a *Whore*,
 And never know the Joy.

Song.

What Cruel Pains *Corinna* takes,
 To force that harmless frown,
 When not a Charm her *Face* forsakes,
Love cannot lose his own.

So sweet a *Face*, so soft a *Heart*,
 Such *Eyes* so very kind,

Betrays,

Betrays, alas ! the silly Art,
Virtue had ill design'd.

Poor feeble *Tyrant*, who in vain
Wou'd proudly take upon her,
Again kind *Nature*, to maintain
Affected Rules of *Honour*.

The scorn she bears to helpless proves,
When I plead passion to her,
That much she fears, but more she loves,
Her *Vassal* shou'd undo her.

Womans Honour.

L O V E bad me hope, and I obey'd,
Phillis continu'd still unkind ;
Then you may e'ne despair he said,
In vain I strive to change her *Mind*.

Honour's got in and keeps her *Heart*,
Durst he but venture once abroad ;
In my own right I'd take your part,
And shew my self the mightier *God*.

This huffing *Honour* domineers,
In *Breasts* alone, where he has place ;
But if true gen'rous *Love* appears,
The *Hector* dares not shew his *Face*.

Let me still languish and complain,
Be most unhumanly deny'd,
I have some pleasure in my pain,
She can have none with all her *Pride*.

I fall a Sacrifice to *Love*,
 She lives a *Wretch* for *Honours* sake,
 Whose *Tyrant* does most cruel prove,
 The difference is not hard to make.

Consider real *Honour* then,
 You'll find hers cannot be the same,
 'Tis Noble confidence in *Men*,
 In *Women*, mean mistrustful shame.

Song.

TO this Moment a *Rebel* I throw down my
 (Arms,
 Great *Love*, at first sight of *Olinda's* bright charms,
 Made proud, and secure, by such forces as these,
 You may now play the *Tyrant* as soon as you
 (please.

When Innocent *Beauty*, and *Wit* do conspire,
 To betray, and engage, and inflame my desire.
 Why shou'd I decline what I cannot avoid,
 And let pleasing hope, by base fear be destroy'd?
 Her Innocence cannot contrive to undo me,
 Her *Beauty's* inclin'd, or why shou'd it pursue me?
 And *Wit* has to pleasure been ever a *Friend*,
 Then what room for despair, since delight is
 (Loves end?

There can be no danger in sweetness and youth,
 Where *Love* is secur'd by good nature and truth.
 On her *Beauty* I'll gaze, and of pleasure complain,
 While ev'ry kind look adds a *Link* to my *Chain*.

'Tis

'Tis to more maintain, than it was to surprize,
 But her *Wit* leads in triumph the *Slaves* of her Eyes;
 I beheld with the loss of my freedom before,
 But hearing, for ever must serve and adore.

Too bright is my *Goddess*, her *Temple* too weak,
 Retire Divine *Image*, I feel my *Heart* break;
 Help *Love*! I dissolve in a *Rapture* of *Charms*,
 At the thought of those Joys I should meet in her
 (Arms.

Song.

HOW happy *Cloris* (were they free)
 Might our Injoyments prove?
 But you with formal *Jéalosie*,
 Are still tormenting *Love*.

Let us (since *Wit* instructs us how)
 Raise Pleasure to the top,
 If *Rival Bottle* you'll allow,
 I'll suffer *Rival Fop*.

There's not a brisk insipid *Spark*
 That flutters in the *Town*,
 But with your wanton *Eyes* you mark
 The *Coxcomb* for your own.

You never think it worth your care,
 How empty, nor how dull,
 The *Heads* of your Admirers are,
 So that their *Cods* be full.

All this you freely may confess,
 Yet w'll not disagree;
 For did you love your Pleasure less,
 You were not fit for me.

While I my Passion to pursue,
 Am whole *Nights* taking in,
 The lusty *Juice* of *Grapes*, take you
 The lusty *Juice* of *Men*.

Love and Life, a Song.

ALL my past life is mine no more,
 The flying Hours are gone;
 Like transitory *Dreams* giv'n o're,
 Whose *Images* are kept in store,
 By *Memory* alone.

What ever is to come is not,
 How can it then be mine?
 The present *Moment's* all my *Lot*,
 And that as fast as it is got,
Phillis is wholly thine.

Then talk not of Inconstancy,
 False *Hearts*, and broken *Vows*,
 If I by *Miracle* can be.
 This live-long *Minute* true to thee,
 'Tis all that *Heav'n* allows.

The Fall, a Song.

HOW Blest was the Created State
 Of *Man* and *Woman*, e're they fell,

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Compar'd to our unhappy *Fate* ;
We need not fear another *Hell*.

Naked beneath cool Shades they lay,
Enjoyment waited on desire,
Each *Member* did their Wills obey,
Nor cou'd a wish set pleasure higher.

But we poor *Slaves*, to hope and fear,
Are never of our Joys secure ;
They lessen still as they draw near,
And none but dull delights endure.

Then *Cloris*, while I duty pay,
The *Nobler Tribute* of my *Heart*,
Be not you so severe to say
You love me for a frailer part.

Song.

WHile on those lovely Looks I gaze,
To see a *Wretch* pursuing,
In *Raptures* of a Blest Amaze,
This pleasing happy Ruin.
'Tis not for pitty that I move,
His Fate is too Aspiring,
Whose *Heart*, broak with a *Load* of Love,
Dyes, Wishing and Admiring.

But if this *Murder* you'd forego,
Your *Slave* from Death removing,
Let me your Art of Charming know,
Or learn you mine of Loving.

But

But whether Life or Death betide,
 In Love, 'tis equal measure,
 The *Victor* lives with empty pride,
 The *Vanquish'd* Dye with pleasure.

Song.

BY all *Loves* soft, yet mighty *Pow'rs*.
 It is a thing unfit,
 That *Men* shou'd Fuck in time of *Flow'rs*,
 Or when the *Smock's* beshit.
 Fair Nasty *Nymph*, be Clean and Kind,
 And all my Joys restore ;
 By using Paper still behind,
 And Spunges for before.
 My spotless *Flames* can ne're decay,
 If after ev'ry Close,
 My smoaking *Prick* escape the *Fray*,
 Without a Bloody *Nose*.
 If thou wou'dst have me true be kind,
 And take to Cleanly Sinning ;
 None but fresh *Lovers Pricks* can rise
 At *Phillis* in Foul Linnen.

Song.

ROom, room, for a *Blade* of the *Town*,
 That takes delight in Roaring,
 And Daily Rambles up and down,
 And at *Night* in the Street lies Snoaring;

That for the Noble Name of *Spark*,
Dares his *Companions* Rally ;
Commits an Out-rage in the Dark,
Then slinks into an *Alley*.

To every *Female* that he meets,
He Swears he bares Affection,
Defies all *Laws*, *Arrests*, and Fears,
By the help of a kind *Protection*.
Then he intending further Wrongs,
By some resenting *Cully*,
Is decently run through the *Lungs*,
And there's an end of *Buddy*.

Song.

A Gainst the Charms our *Ballocks* have,
How weak all Humane Skill is ?
Since they can make a *Man* a *Slave*
To such a *Bitch* as *Phillis*.

Whom that I may describe throughout,
Assist me *Bawdy Pow'rs*,
I'll write upon a double Clout,
And dip my *Pen* in *Flow'rs*.

Her Look's demurely Impudent,
Ungainly *Beautiful*,
Her *Modesty* is Insolent,
Her Mirth is pert and dull.

A *Prostitute* of all the *Town*,
And yet with no *Man Friends*,
She Rails, and Scolds, when she lies down,
And Curses when she Spends.

Bawdy

Bawdy in Thoughts, Precise in Words,
 Ill Natur'd, and a *Whore*,
 Her *Belly* is a *Bag* of *T—rds*,
 And her *C—t*'s a Common-shear.

Song.

I Cannot change as others do,
 Though you unjustly scorn,
 Since that poor *Swain*, that fights for you,
 For you alone was born.
 No *Phillis*, no, your *Heart* to move,
 A surer way I'll try,
 And to revenge my slighted Love,
 Will still Love on, will still Love on, and Die.
 When Kill'd with Grief *Amyntas* lies,
 And you to mind shall call,
 The Sighs that now unpity'd rise,
 The Tears that vainly fall;
 That welcome Hour that ends this smart,
 Will then begin your pain,
 For such a faithful tender *Heart*
 Can never break, can never break in vain.

The Mock Song.

I Swive as well as others do,
 I'm Young not yet Deform'd,
 My tender Heart sincere and true,
 Deserves not to be Scorn'd.

Why *Phillis* then, why will you Swive
 With *Forty Lovere* more?

Can I (said she) with *Nature* strive,
 Alas I am, alas I am a *Whore*.

Were all my Body Larded o're,
 With Darts of Love so Thick,
 That you might find in ev'ry Pore;
 A well stuck standing *Prick*:

Whilst yet mine *Eyes* alone were free,
 My *Heart* wou'd never doubt,
 In Am'rous Rage and Extasie,
 To wish those *Eyes*, to wish those *Eyes* fuckt out.

Actus Primus, Scene Prima.

Enter Tarsander and Swiveanthe.

The Scene.

A Bed-Chamber.

Tar. **F**OR standing *Tarses* we kind Nature thank.
 And yet Adore those *Cunts* that make
 ('em lank ;

Unhappy *Mortals* ! whose sublimest Joy,
 Preys on it self, and does it self destroy.

Swi. Do not thy *Tarse*, *Natures* best gift, despise,
 That *C—t* that made it fall, will make it rise ;
 Though it a while the Amorous Combat shun,
 And seems from mine, into thy *Belly* run ;
 Yet 'twill return, more vigorous, and more fierce
 Than flaming *Drunkard*, when he's dy'd in Tierce,
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It but retires, as loosing *Gamsters* do,
Till they have rais'd a *Stock* to play a new.

Tar. What pleasure has a *Gamester*, if he knows,
When e're he plays, that he must always lose?

Swi. What *Pego* loses, 'twere a pain to keep,
We say not that our *Nights* are lost in sleep;
What *Pleasures* we in those soft *Wars* employ,
We do not wast, but to the full enjoy. (Ex. *Tar.*

Enter Celia.

Cel Madam, methinks those sleepy *Eyes* declare,
Too lately you have eas'd a *Lovers* Care;
I fear you have with *Interest* repaid,

Those eager thrusts, which at your *Cunt* he made.

Swi. With force united, my soft *Heart* he storm'd,
Like *Age* he doated, but like *Youth* perform'd.

She that alone her *Lover* can withstand,
Is more than *Woman*, or he less than *Man*. (Ex.

The first Letter from B. to Mr. E.

Dreaming last Night on Mrs. *Farley*,
My *Prick* was up this Morning early;
And I was fain, without my *Gown*,
To rise i'th *Cold*, to get him down:
Hard shift, alas! but yet a sure,
Although it be no pleasing *Cure*.
Of Old, the Fair *Egyptian* Slattern,
For *Luxury*, that had no *Pattern*;
To fortifie her *Roman* Swinger,
Instead of *Nutmegs*, *Mace* and *Ginger*,

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Did

Did Spice his Bow's (as Story tells)
 With Warts of Rocks, and Spawn of Shells.
 It had been happy for her Grace,
 Had I been in the Rascal's place:
 I who do scorn that any Stone,
 Shou'd raise my *Pintle*, but my own;
 Had laid her down on ev'ry *Couch*,
 And spar'd her *Pearl* and *Diamond Brouch*,
 Until her Hot-tail'd *Majesty*,
 Being happily reclaim'd by me,
 From all her wild expensive ways,
 Had worn her *Gems* on *Holy-Days*:
 But since her C—t has long done itching,
 Let us discourse of *Modern Bitching*.

I must intreat you by this Letter,
 To enquire for *Whores*, the more the better:
 Hunger makes any Man a *Glutton*,
 If *Roberts*, *Thomas*, Mrs. *Dutton*,
 Or any other *Bawd* of Note,
 Inform of a fresh *Petticoat*;
 Inquire I pray, with *Friendly* care,
 Where there respective *Lodgings* are,
 Some do compare a Man t'a *Bark*,
 A pretty *Metaphor*, pray mark,
 And with a long and tedious story,
 Will all the *Tackling* lay before ye:
 The *Sails* are Hope, the *Masts* Desire,
 Till they the gentlest *Reader* Tire.
 But howsoe're they keep a pudder,
 I'm sure the *Pintle* is the *Rudder*.
 The pow'rful *Rudder*, which of force,
 To *Town*, must shortly steer my Course;

And

And if you do not there provide
 A *Port*, where I may safely ride :
 Landiug in haste, in some foul *Creek*,
 'Tis Ten to One, I spring a *Leak*.

Next, I must make it my request
 If you have any interest,
 Or can by any means discover,
 Some lamentable Rhyming *Lover*,
 Who shall in Numbers Harsh and Vile,
 His *Mistrifs*, *Nymph* or *Goddejs* stile,
 Send all his Labours down to me,
 By the first oppertunity.

Or any *Knights* of your round *Table*,
 To other *Scriblers* formidable,
 Guilty themselves of the same *Crime*,
 Dress *Nonsense* up in ragged *Rhyme*,
 As once a *Week*, they seldom fail,
 Inspir'd with *Love* and *Grid-Iron Ale*.

Or any paultery *Poetry*,
 Tho' from the *Univerfity* ;
 Who when the *K*—— and *Q*—— were there,
 Did both their *Wit* and *Learning* spare ;
 And have (I hope) endeavour'd fince,
 To make the *World* fome recompence.
 Such damn'd *Fustian* when you meet,
 Be not too rash, or indiscreet ;
 Tho' they can find no just *Excuses*,
 To put 'em to their proper *Uses* ;
 Tho' fatal *Privy*, or the *Fire*,
 Their Nobler *Foe*, at my desire,
 Restrain your nat'ral Profusenefs,
 And spare 'em, though you have a Loosenefs

Mr.

Mr. E--s Answer.

AS Crafty *Harlots* use to shrink
 From *Letchers*, do's with Sleep and Drink,
 When they intend to make up *Pack*,
 By filching *Sheets*, or *Shirt* from *Back*;
 So were you pleas'd to steal away
 From me, whilst on your *Bed* I lay:
 But long you had not been departed,
 When pincht with Cold, from thence I started;
 Where missing you, I stamp't and star'd,
 Like *Bacon*, when he wak'd and heard
 His *Brazen Head* in vain had spoke,
 And saw it lie in pieces broke;
 Sighing, I to my Chamber make,
 And every *Limb* was stiff as Stake,
 Unless poor *Pego*, which did feel,
 Like slimey Skin of new stript *Eel*;
 Or *Pudding*, that mischance had got,
 And spent it self half in the *Pot*.
 With care I cleans'd the sneaking *Harlot*,
 That late had been in *Pool* of *Harlot*.
 But neither *Shirt* nor *Water* cou'd
 Remove the stench of *Leach'rous Mud*.
 The *Queen* of *Love* from *Sea* did spring,
 Whence the best *C—ts* still smell like *Ling*.
 But sure this Damn'd Notorious *Bitch*,
 Was made o'th' froth of *Jane Shores Ditch*;
 Or else her *C—t* cou'd never stink
 Like *Pumb* that's foul, or *Nasty Sink*.

When

When this was done to Bed I went,
 And the whole day in sleep I spent;
 At the next *Morning* fresh and gay
 As Citizen on Holiday,
 Wandred in the spacious *Town*,
 Amongst the *Bawds* of best Renown:
 To *Temple* I a *Visit* made,
Temple! the Beauty of her *Trade!*
 The only *Bawd* that ever I,
 For want of *Whore*, cou'd Occupy.
 He made me friends with Mrs. *Cuffy*,
 Whom we indeed had us'd too roughly,
 For by a gentler way I found.
 The *Whore* wou'd Fuck under *Ten Pound*:
 To resty Jades, which scorn to stir,
 Tho' oit provok'd by *Whip* and *Spur*,
 By milder usage may be got
 To fall into their wonted *Trot*.

But what Success I further had,
 And what discoveries, good and bad,
 Made by roving up and down,
 I'll tell you when you come to *Town*.

Further, I have obey'd your Motion.
 Tho' much provok'd by Pill and Potion,
 And sent you down some paulty *Rhimes*,
 The greatest Grievance of our *Times*;
 When such as Nature never made
 For Poets, daily will invade
 W its Empire, both the *Stage* and *Press*,
 And, which is worse, with good Success.

The second Letter from B. to Mr. E.

IF I can guess the Devil choak me,
 What horrid Fury cou'd provoke thee
 To use thy railing scurrilous Wit
 'Gainst *Cunt* and *Prick* the Source of it:
 For what but *Cunt* and *Prick* do's raise
 Our Thoughts to Songs and Roundelays?
 Enables us to *Anagrams*,
 And other Amorous Flim-flams?
 Then we write *Plays*, and so proceed
 To *Bays*, the Poets sacred Weed.
 Hast no Respect for God *Priapus*?
 That antient *Story* shall not scape us.
Priapus was a *Roman God*,
 But in plain *English*, *Prick* and *Cod*.
 That pleas'd their Sisters, Wives and Daughters,
 Guarded their Pippins and Pomwaters;
 For at the Orchards utmost *Entry*
 This mighty *Deity* stood *Centry*,
 Invested in a tatter'd *Blanket*,
 To scare the *Magpies* from their Banquet:
 But this may serve to shew we trample
 On Rule and Method by example
 Of Modern *Authors*, who to snap at all,
 Will talk of *Cæsar* in the Capitol,
 Of *Cynthia's* Beams, and *Sol's* bright Ray,
 Known Foe to Buttermilk and *Whey*,
 Which softens *Wax*, but hardens *Clay*.

All this without the least Connexion,
Which to say truth's enough to vex one;
But farewell all Poetick Dizziness,
And now to come unto the business.

Tell the bright *Nymph* how sad and pensively,
E're since we us'd her so offensively,
In dismal Shades, with Arms a cross,
Sitting, lamenting of my *Loss*;
To *Eccho* I her name commend,
Who has it now at her Tongues end,
And Parrot-like repeats the same;
For shou'd you talk of *Tamberlain*,
Cuffley she cries at the same time,
Though the last Accents do not Rhime:
Far more than *Eccho* e're did yet
For *Phillis* or bright *Amoret*.

When Pen-knife keen of moderate size,
As bright and piercing as her Eyes,
A glitt'ring weapon, which wou'd scorn
To pair a Nail, or cut a Corn,
Upon the Trees of smoothest Bark
I Carve her Name or else her Mark,
Which commonly's a bleeding Heart,
A weeping Eye or flaming Dart,

Here on a *Beech*, like *Am'rous* Sot,
I sometimes carve a True-loves Knot,
There a tall Oak her *Name* do's bear,
In a large spreading Character.
I chose the fairest and the best
Of all the *Grove*; among the rest,
I Carv'd it on a lusty Pine,
Which wept a Pint of Turpentine;

Such

Such was the terror of her *Name*,
 By the Report of evil *Fame*,
 Who tired with immoderate flight,
 Had lodg'd upon his *Boughs all Night*.
 The weary *Tree*, who fear'd a Clap,
 And new the Virtue of his *Sap*,
 Dropt Balsom into ev'ry Wound,
 And in an Hours time was Sound.
 But you are unacquainted yet
 With half the pow'r of *Amoret*;
 For she can Drink as well as *Swive*,
 Her growing Empire still must thrive.
 Our Hearts, weak Forts, we must resign,
 When Beauty does it's forces join
 With Man's strong Enemy, good Wine;
 This I was told by my Lord O *B——*
 A Man whose *VVord* I much relie on;
 He kept touch, and came down hither,
VVhen thou wert scar'd with the foul *VVeather*:
 But if thou wou'dst forgiven be,
 Say that a *Cunt* detained thee;
Cunt, whose strong *Charmes* the *VVorld* bewitches,
 The Joy of Kings! the *Beggars* Riches!
 The *Courtiers* *Business*! *States-mans* *Leisure*!
 The tired *Tinkers* Ease and Pleasure!
 Of which, alas! I've leave to prate;
 But oh, the rigor of my Fate!
 For want of bouncing *Bona-Roba*,
Lascivia est nobis pagina vita proba.
 For that Rhime I was fain to fumble;
 When *Pegasus* begins to stumble,
 'Tis time to rest, your very humble.

Mr. E----s Answer.

SO soft and Am'roufly you Write
 Of *Cunt* and *Prick* the *Cunts* Delight,
 That were I still in *Lantborn* Sweating,
 Swallowing of *Bolus*, or a Spitting,
 I shou'd forget eack Injury
 The Pocky Whores have offer'd me,
 And only of my Fate complain,
 Because I must from *Cunt* abstain ;
 The powerful *Cunt* ! whose very Name
 Kindles in me an Amorous Flame !
 Begins to make my Pintle rise,
 And long again to fight Loves Prize,
 Forgetful of those many Scars
 He has received in those Wars.
 This shews Loves chiefest Magick lies
 In Womens *Cunts*, not in their Eyes,
 There *Cupid* docs his Revels keep,
 There Lovers all their Sorrows steep ;
 For having once but tasted that,
 Our Miseries are quite forgot.
 This may suffice to let you know
 That I to *Cunt* am not a Foe.
 Though you are pleas'd to think me so :
 'Tis strange his Zeal shou'd be in *Suspicion*
 Who dies a Martyr for's Religion.
 But now to give you an Account
 Of *Cuffley*, that whore Paramount !

Cuffley !

Cuffley ! whose Beauty warms the *Age*.
 And fill our Youth with Love and Rage ;
 Who, like fierce Wolves, pursue the Game,
 While secretly the Letch'rous Dame
 With some Choice Gallant takes her flight,
 And in a Corner Fucks all Night.
 Then the next Morning we all Hunt,
 To find whose Fingers Smell of *Cunt*,
 With Jealousie and Envy mov'd
 Against the Man that was belov'd.
 Whilst you within some neighb'ring Grove
 Indite the Story of your Love,
 And with your Penknife keen and bright
 On stately Trees your Passion write,
 So that each *Nymph* that passes through,
 Must envy her, and pity you ;
 We at the *Fleece* or at the *Bear*,
 With good Case-Knife well whet on Stair,
 A gentle *Weapon*, made to feed
 Mankind, and not to make 'em bleed,
 A thousand *Am'rous* Fancies scrape ;
 There's not a Pewter-Dish can scape
 Without her *Name*, or *Arms*, which are
 The same that *Love* himself do's bear.
 Here one, to shew you *Lov's* no *Glutton*,
 I th' midst of Supper leaves his Mutton,
 And on a greasie Plate, with Care,
 Carves the bright Image of the Fair.

Another, though a drunken Sot,
 Neglects his Wine, and on the Pot
 A Band of Naked *Cupids* draws,
 With Prieks no bigger than wheat straws.

Then

Then on a Nasty Candlestick
 One Figures *Love's Hieroglyphick*,
A Couchant Cunt and *Rampant Prick*.
 And that the sight may more inflame
 The Lookers on, subscribes her Name,
Cuffley ! her Sexes Pride and Shame,
 There's not a Man but do's discover
 By some such *Actions* he's a Lover;
 But now 'tis time to give her over,
 And let your Lordship know you are
 The Mistress that employs our Care:
 Your absence makes us melancholly,
 Nor Drink nor Cunt can make us Jolly,
 Unless w'ave you within our Arms,
 In whom there dwells Diviner Charmes,
 Then quit with speed the pensive Grove,
 And here in Town pursue your Love;
 Where, at your coming you shall find
 Your Servant glad, your Mistress kind,
 And all the things devoted to your Mind;

With your very
Humble Servant.

On Mr. E—H— upon his B—P—

Come on ye Criticks, find one fault who dare,
 For read it backward, like a *Witches Pray'r*,
 'Till do as well; throw not away your Jest
 On solid *Nonsense*, that abides all *Tests*.
 Wit, like *Tierce-Clarret*, when't begins to pall,
 Neglected lies, and's of no use at all;

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But

But in its full perfection of decay,
 Turns Vinegar, and comes again in play.
 This *Simile* shall stand in thy defence,
 'Gainst such *dull Rogues* as now and then write *Sense*.
 He lies, dear *Ned*, who says thy brain is barren,
 Where deep *Conceits*, like *Vermin*, bred in *Carren*,
 Thou hast a *Brain*, such as thou hast indeed,
 On what else ihou'd thy worm of Fancy feed?
 Yet in a *Philbert* I have often known
 Maggots survive, when all the Kernel's gone.
 Thy Style's the same, whatever be the *Theme*,
 As some Digestions turns all Meat to Plegm.
 Thy stumbling founder'd Jade can trot as high
 As any other *Pegasus* can fly.
 As skilful Divers to the bottom fall
 Sooner than those that cannot Swim at all;
 So in this way of writing, without thinking,
 Thou hast a strange Alacrity in sinking,
 Thou writ'st below even thy own nat'ral Parts,
 And with acquir'd Dulness and new *Arts*
 Of studied *Nonsense*, tak'st kind Readers Hearts.
 So the *dull Eel* moves nimbler in the Mud,
 Than all the swift finn'd Racers of the Flood.
 Therefore dear *Ned*, at my Advice forbear
 Such loud *Complaints* 'gainst Criticks to prefer,
 Since thou art turn'd an arrant *Libeller*:
 Thou sett'st thy *Name* to what thy self dost write,
 Did ever *Libel* yet so sharply bite?

On the same Author, upon his B—P—

A S when a *Bully* draws his Sword
 Though no Man gives him a cross word,
 And

And all Perswasions are in vain,
 To make him put it up again ;
 Each Man draws too, and *falls* upon him,
 To take the wicked *Weapon* from him :
 Ev'n so, dear *Ned*, thy *desprate* Pen
 No *less* disturbs all witty Men,
 And makes 'em wonder what a Devil
 Provokes thee to be so Uncivil ;
 When thou and all thy Friends must know 'em,
 Thou yet wilt dare to Print thy Poem.
 That poor Curs Fate and thine are one,
 Who has his *Tail* pegg'd in a Bone ;
 About he runs, no body 'ill one him,
 Men, Boys and Dogs are all upon him.
 And first the greater Wits were at thee ;
 Now ev'ry little Fool will pat thee ;
 Fellows that ne're were heard or read of
 (If thou writ'st on) will write thy Head off.
 Thus Mastives only have the knack
 To cast the *Bare* upon his back ;
 But when th' unwieldy *Beast* is thrown,
 Mungrils will serve to keep him down.

On the same Author, upon his New Ut—

THOU damn'd *Antipodes* to Common Sense,
 Thou *Foil* of *Fluence*! prithee tell from whence
 Do's all this mighty Rock of *Dulness* Spring,
 Which in such loads thou to the Stage dost bring?
 It's all thine own? or hast thou from *Snow-hill*
 Th' assurance of some Ballard-making *Quill*?

No, they fly higher yet ; thy *Plays* are such
 I'd swear they were translated out of *Dutch* :
 And who the Devil was e're yet so drunk,
 To read the Volumes of *Myn Heer Van Dunk* ?
 Fain wou'd I know what Diet thou dost keep,
 If thou dost always, or dost never sleep ?
 Sure Hasty-pudding is thy chiefeſt Diſh,
 With Lights and Liyers, and with ſtinking Fiſh.
 Ox-cheek, tripe, garbage, thou doſt treat thy Brain,
 Which nobly pays this *Tribute back* again.
 With Dazy-roots, the Dwarfiſh Muſe is fed,
 A Giants Body, with a Pigmies Head.
 Canſt thou not find 'mongſt all thy num'rous Race
 One Friend ſo kind, to tell thee that thy Play's
 Laught at by Box, Pit, Gallery, nay Stage,
 And grown the nauſeous Grievance of this *Age* ?
 Think on't a while, and thou wilt quickly find
 Thy Body made for Labour, not thy Mind,
 No other uſe of Paper thou ſhou'dſt make,
 But carrying Loads of Rhimes upon thy Back ;
 Carry vaſt Burthens, till thy ſhouldiers ſhrink,
 But Curſt be he that gives thee Pen and Ink ;
 Thoſe dang'rous weapons ſhou'd be kept from Fools
 As Nurſes from their Children keep Edg-tools.
 For thy dull *Muſe* a Muckender were fit,
 To wipe the Slav'rings of her Infant-wit ;
 Which, tho 'tis late (if Juſtice cou'd be found)
 Shou'd like blind new-born *Puppies*, yet be drown'd
 For were it not Reſpect we muſt afford
 To any *Muſe* that's Grand-child to a Lord,
 Thine in the Ducking-ſtool ſhou'd take her Seat,
 Drencht like her ſelf in a great Chair of State,
Where

Where like a *Muse* of *Quality* she'l Die,
 And thou thy self shalt make her *Elegy* ;
 In the same strain thou writ'st thy *Cowedy*.

The Disappointment.

I.

ONE Day the *Amarous Lisander*,
 By an impatient Passion sway'd,
 Surpris'd fair *Cloris*, that lov'd Maid,
 Who cou'd defend her self no longer ;
 All things did with his Love conspire,
 The gilded Planet of the Day,
 In his gay Chariot, drawn by Fire,
 War now descending to the Sea,
 And left no Light to guide the *World*,
 But what from *Cloris* brighter Eyes was hurl'd.

2.

In alone *Thicket*, made for Love,
 Silent as yielding Maids Consent,
 She with a charming Languishment
 Permits his force, yet gently strove ?
 Her Hands his *Bosom* softly meet,
 But not to put him back design'd,
 Rather to draw him on inclin'd,
 Whilst he lay trembling at her feet ;
 Resistance 'tis to late to shew,
 She wants the power to say — *Ab!* what do you do?

3.

Her bright Eyes sweat, and yet Severe,
 Where Love and Shame confus'dly strive,

Fresh Vigor to *Lisander* give :
 And whispering softly in his Ear,
 She Cry'd—*Cease—cease——your vain desire,*
Or I'll call out——What wou'd you do ?
My dearer Honour, ev'n to yot,
I cannot——must not give——retire,
Or take that Life whose chiefest part
I gave you with the Conquest of my Heart.

4.

But he as much unus'd to fear,
 As he was capable of Love,
 The blessed Minutes to improve,
 Kisses her Lips, her Neck, her Hair !
 Each touch her new Desires alarms !
 His burning trembling *Hand* he prest
 Upon her melting Snowy Breast,
 While she lay panting in his Arms !
 All her unguarded Beauties lie
 The *Spoils* and *Trophies* of the Enemy.

5.

And now, without Respect or Fear,
 He seeks the Objects of his Vows ;
 His Love no Modesty allows :
 By swift degrees advancing where
 His daring *Hand* that Alter seiz'd,
 Where Gods of Love do Sacrifice ;
 That awful *Throne*, that Paradise,
 Where Rage is tam'd, and *Anger* pleas'd ;
 That Living *Fountain*, from whose *Trills*
 The melted Soul in liquid Drops distils.

6.

Her balmy Lips encountring his,
 Their *Bodies* as their Souls they joyn'd,
Where both in *Transports* were confin'd,
 Extend themselves upon the *Moss*.
Cloris half dead and breathless lay,
 Her Eyes appear'd like humid *Light*,
 Such as divides the *Day* and *Night*,
 Or falling Stars whose fires decay ;
 And now no signs of Life she shows,
 But what in short-breath-fighs returns and goes.

7.

He saw how at her length she lay,
 He saw her rising *Bosom* bare,
 Her *loose thin Robes*, through which appear
 A Shape design'd for *Love* and *Play*;
 Abandon'd by her Pride and Shame,
 She do's her softest Sweets *dispen*ce,
 Offring her Virgin-Innocence
 A *Victim* to Loves Sacred Flame ;
Whilst th' or'eravish'd Shepherd lies,
 Unable to perform the Sacrifice.

8.

Ready to taste a *Thousand Joys*,
 Thee too transported hapless Swain,
 Found the vast *Pleasure* turn'd to Pain :
Pleasure, which too much Love destroys !
 The willing Garment by he laid,
 And Heav'n all open to his view ;
 Mad to possess, himself he threw
 On the defenceless lovely Maid :

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But

But oh ! what envious Gods conspire
To snatch his Pow'r, yet leave him the Desire !

9.

Natures support, without whose *Aid*
She can no humane Being give,
It self now wants the *Art* to live,
Faintness it slacken'd *Nerves* invade :
In vain th' enraged Youth affaid
To call his fleeting Vigour back,
No Motion 'twill from Motion take,
Excess of Love is Love betray'd ;
In vain he Toils, in vain Commands,
Th' Insensible fell weeping in his Hands.

10.

In this so *Am'rous* cruel strife,
Where Love and Fate were too severe,
The poor *Lisander* in *Despair*,
Renounc'd his *Reason* with his Life.
Now all the Brisk and Active *Fire*
That should the Nobler *Part* inflame,
Unactive Frigid, Dull became,
And left no *Spark* for new Desire ;
Not all her Naked Charms cou'd move,
Or calm that Rage that had debauch'd his Love.

11.

Cloris returning from the *Trance*
Which Love and soft Desire had bred,
Her tim'rous *Hand* she gently laid,
Or guided by Design or Chance,
Upon that Fabulous *Priapus*,
That Potent God (as Poets feign.)
But never did young Shepherdess
(Garth'ring of *Fern* upon the Plain)

More

More nimbly draw her Fingers back,
Finding beneath the *Verdant Leaves* a Snake.

12.

Then *Cloris* her fair *Hand* withdrew,
Finding that God of her Desires
Disarm'd of all his pow'rtul Fires,
And cold as *Flow'rs* bath'd in the *Morning-dew*.
Who can the *Nymphs* Confusion gues?
The Blood forsook the kinder place,
And strew'd with *Blushes* all her Face,
Which both *Disdain* and *Shame* exprefs;
And from *Lisanders* Arms she fled,
Leaving him fainting on the gloomy *Bed*.

13.

Like *Lightning* through the *Grove* she hies,
Or *Daphne* from the *Delphick* God;
No Print upon the Grassie Road
She leaves, t' instruct pursuing Eyes.
The Wind that wanton'd in her *Hair*,
And with her ruffled Garments plaid,
Discover'd in the flying Maid
All that the Gods e're made of *Fair*.
So *Venus*, when her Love was Slain,
With *fear* and *haste* flew o're the fatal Plain.

14.

The *Nymphs* resentments, none but I
Can well imagin, and Condole;
But none can gues *Lisander's* Soul,
But those who sway'd his *Destiny*:
His silent Griefs, swell up to *Storms*,
And not one God, his Fury spares,
He Curst his *Birth*, his *Fate*, his *Stars*,

But

But more the *Shepherdesse's* Charms;
 Whose sof bewitching influence,
 Had Damn'd him to the *Hell* of *Impotence*.

On a Giniper-Tree, now Cut down to make Busks.

WHilst happy I triumphant stood,
 The Pride and Glory of the *Wood*,
 My *Aromatick Boughs* and *Fruit*,
 Did with all other *Trees* dispute;
 Had right by *Nature* to excel,
 In pleasing both the Taste and Smell.
 But to the touch, I must confess,
 Bore an unwilling fullness:
 My *Wealth*, like *Bashful Virgins*, I,
 Yielding with some reluctance;
 For which my value shou'd be more,
 Not giving easily my store.
 My *Verdant Branches*, all the Year,
 Did an Eternal Beauty wear,
 Did ever Yong and Gay appear;
 Nor needed any Tribute pay,
 For Bounties from the God of Day.
 Nor do I hold Supremacy,
 In all the *Wood*, o're every *Tree*,
 But ev'n those too of my own Race,
 That grew not in this happy place;
 But that in which I glory most.
 And do my self with reason boast;
 Beneath my shade the other *Day*,
 Young *Philocles*, and *Cloris*, lay.

Upon

Upon my Root, he plac'd her Head,
 And where I grew, he made her Bed;
 Their trembling Limbs did gently press,
 The kind supporting yielding Moss;
 Ne're half so blest as now to bear
 A *Swain* so Young, a *Nymph* so Fair.
 My grateful *Shade*! kindly lent,
 And ev'ry aiding *Bough* I bent
 So low, as sometimes had the Bliss,
 To rob the Shepherd of a Kiss.
 Whilst he in Pleasures far above
 The sense of that degree of Love!
 Permitted ev'ry stealth I made,
 Unjealous of his Rival shade.
 I saw 'em kindle to desire!
 Whilst with soft Sighs, they blew the *Fire*!
 Saw the approaches of their Joy,
 He growing more fierce, and she less Coy!
 Saw how they mingled melting *Rays*!
 Exchanging Love a Thousand ways!
 Kind was the force on ev'ry side:
 Her new Desires she cou'd not hid,
 Nor wou'd the *Shepherd* be deny'd!
 Impatient, he waits no Consent,
 But what she gave by Languishment.
 The Blessed Minute he pursu'd,
 Whilst Love her Fear and Shame subdu'd;
 And now transported in his Arms,
 Yields to the Conqueror all her Charms!
 His panting Breast to hers new join'd,
 They feast on Raptures, unconfin'd!

Vast

Vast and Luxuriant, such as prove
 The Immortality of Love !
 For who but a Divinity,
 Cou'd mingle Souls to that degree,
 And melt 'em into Extasie !
 Where, like the *Phoenix*, both expire,
 Whilst from the *Ashes* of their Fire
 Sprung up a *New*, and soft desire :
 Like *Charmers*, Thrice they did invoke
 The *God*, and Thrice new Vigour took ;
 And had the *Nymph* been halt so kind,
 As was the *Shepherd* well inclin'd ;
 The Myst'ry had not ended there ;
 But *Cloris* reassum'd her Fear,
 And Chid the *Swain*, for having prest,
 What she (alas) cou'd not resist :
 Whilst he, in whom *Loves* sacred flame
 Before, and after was the same,
 Humbly implores she wou'd forget
 That fault, which he wou'd yet repeat ;
 From active Joys, which shame they hast,
 To a Reflection on the past ;
 A Thousand Times the *Covert* bless,
 That did secure their Happiness ;
 Their Gratitude to ev'ry *Tree*
 They pay, but most to happy me !
 The *Shepherdes* my *Bark* Carrest,
 Whilst he my *Root* (*Loves Pillow*) Kist,
 And did with Sighs thier *Fate* deplore,
 Since I must shelter 'em no more.
 And if before, my Joys were such,
 In having seen, and heard so much ;

My

My Griefs must be as great and high,
 When all abandon'd I must lie,
 Doom'd to a silent Destiny :
 No more the Am'rous Strife to hear,
 The *Shepherds* Vows, the *Virgins* fear ;
 No, more a joyful looker on,
 Whilst *Loves* soft *Battel's* lost and won.

With Grief I bow'd my murm'ring *Head*,
 And all my *Chrystal Dew* I shed,
 Which did in *Cloris* pity move ;
Cloris whose *Soul* is made of Love.
 She cnt me down, and did translate
 My Being to a happier State ?
 No *Martyr* for *Religion* Dy'd,
 With hast that unconfidering Pride ;
 My Top was on the *Altar* laid,
 Where *Love* his softest Off'rings paid,
 And was a fragrant *Incence* burn'd ;
 My *Body*, into *Busks* was turn'd.
 Where I still guard the sacred Store,
 And of *Loves Temple*, keep the *Door*.

On the Death of Mr Greenhill, the Famous Painter.

W^Hat doleful Cries are these that fright my
 (Sense,
 Sad, as the Groans of dying Innocence !
 The Killing *Accents* now more near approach,
 And the infectious sound
 Spreads, and enlarges all around,
 And does all *Hearts* with grief and wonder touch !
 The

The Famous *Greenhill's* Dead, ev'n He
 That cou'd to us give Immortallity,
 Is to th' Eternal, silent *Groves* withdrawn,
 Those sullen *Groves*, of Everlasting Dawn;
 Youthful as *Flow'rs* scarce blown, whose opening
 A wond'rous and a fragrant *Prospect* gives, (*Leaves*
 Of what its Elder *Beauties* wou'd display,
 When it shou'd flourish up to ripening *May*!
 Witty as *Poets*, warm'd with *Love* and *Wine*,

Yet still spar'd *Heav'n* and his *Friend*;
 For both to him, were Sacred and Divine,
 Nor cou'd he this, no more than that offend:
 Fixt as a *Martyr*, where he *Friendship* paid,
 And gen'rous as a *God*!

Distributing his *Bounties* all abroad,
 And soft, and gentle, as a *Love-sick Maid*.
 Great *Master*, of the Noblest *Mystery*
 That ever happy knowledg did inspire;

Sacred as that of *Poetry*! (mire!
 And which the wondring *World* does equally ad-
 Great *Natures* Works we do contemn,
 When on his glorious *Births* we meditate,
 The *Face*, and *Eyes*, more *Darts* receiv'd from him,
 Than all the *Charms* she can create:

The diff'rnce is, his *Beauties* do beget
 In the Enamour'd *Soul* a virtuous heat,

Whilst *Nature* groffer pieces move
 In the course *Road* of common *Love*.

So bold, yet soft, his touches were,
 So round each part, so Sweet and Fair,
 That as his *Pencil* mov'd, Men thought it prest
 The lively imitating rising *Breast*,
 Which yields like *Clouds*, where little *Angels* rest!

The *Limbs* all easie, as his *Temper* was,
 Strong as his *Mind*, and *Manly* too;
 Large as his *Soul*, his *Fancy* was, and new;
 And from himself he Copy'd ev'ry grace,
 For he had all that cou'd Adorn a *Face*,
 All that cou'd either *Sex* subdue.
 Each excellence he had that *Youth* has in its pride,
 And all experienc'd *Age* can teach;
 At once the vig'rous *Fire* of this,
 And ev'ry *Virtue*, which that can express,
 In all the hight that both cou'd reach!
 And yet (alas) in this perfection Dy'd!
 Dropt like a Blossom, with a *Northern* blast,
 When all the scatter'd *Leaves* abroad are cast,
 As quick! as if his *Fate* had been in hast!

So have I seen an unfit *Star*
 Out-shine the rest of all the num'rous *Train*,
 (As bright as that which guides the *Marriner*)
 Dart swiftly from its darkn'd Sphear,
 And ne're shall light the *World* again!
 Oh why shou'd so much knowledg Die!
 Or with his last kind *Breath*,
 Why cou'd he not to some one *Friend* bequeath
 The mighty *Legacy*!

But 'twas a knowledg giv'n to him alone,
 That his Eterniz'd Name might be
 Admir'd to all *Posterity*,
 By all to whom his greatful Name was known!
 Come all ye softer *Beauties*, come!
 Bring *Wreaths* of *Flow'rs* to deck his *Tomb*,
 Mixt with the dismal *Cypress*, and *Yew*,
 For he still gave your *Charms* their due,

And

And from the Injuries of *Age* and *Time*,
 Secur'd the sweetness of your prime,
 And best know how t' Adore that sweetness too !
 Bring all your Mournful *Tributes* here,
 And let your *Eyes* a silent sorrow wear,
 Till ev'ry *Virgin* for a while become
 Sad as his *Fate*, and like his *Pictures* dumb.

To all curious Criticks and Admirers of Meeter.

HAve you seen the raging Stormy *Main*
 Toss a *Ship* up, then cast her down again ?
 Sometimes she seemes to touch the very *Skies*,
 And then again upon the *Sand* she lies.
 Or have you seen a *Bull*, when he is Jealous,
 How he does tear the ground, and Roars and Bel-
 Or have you seen the pretty *Turtle Dove*, (lows ?
 When she laments the absence of her Love !
 Or have you seen the *Faries*, when they Sing,
 And Dance with Mirth together in a *Ring* ?
 Or have you seen our *Gallants* make a pudder
 With *Fair* and *Grace*, and *Grace*, and *Fair Anstrud*-
 Or have you seen the *Daughter* of *Apollo*, (der ?
 Pou'r down their Rhyming *Liquors* in a hallow
 In spungy *Brain*, congealing into *Verse* ; (Cane ?
 If you have seen all this, then Kiss mine *A—se*.

Satyr.

A. WHat *Time*'n does old *Age* begin t' approach,
 That thus thou droop'st under a *Nights*
 (Debauch ?
 Hast

Hast thou lost deep to needy *Rogues* on Tick;
 Who ne're cou'd pay, and must be paid next *Week*?

Tim. Neither alas, but a dull Dining Sot,
 Seiz'd me i'th' *Mall*, who just my Name had got;
 He runs upon me, cries dear *Rogue* I'm thine,
 With me some *Wits*, of thy acquaintance Dine.
 I tell him I'm engag'd, but as a *Whore*
 With Modesty enslaves her *Spark*, the more,
 The longer I deny'd the more he prest,
 At last I e'ne consent to be his *Guest*.
 He takes me in his *Coach*, and as we go
Pulls out a *Libel*, of a Sheet or two;
 Insipid, as, *The praise of pious Queens*,
 Or S—— unaltered former *Scenes*;
 Which he admir'd, and prais'd at every *Line*,
 At last it was so sharp, it must be mine.
 I Vow'd I was no more a *Wit* than he,
 Unpractic'd, and unblest in *Poetry*:
 A *Song* to *Phillis*, I perhaps might make,
 But never Rhym'd but for my *Pintles* sake:
 I envy'd no *Man's* Fortune, nor his Fame,
 Nor ever thought of a Revenge so tame.
 He knew my *Stile*, he swore, and 'twas in vain,
 Thus to deny the Issue of my *Brain*.
 Choak'd with his flatt'ry, I no Answer make,
 But silent leave him to his dear mistake.
 Of a well meaning *Fool* I'm most afraid,
 Who sillily repeats what was well said.
 But this was not the worst, when he came home,
 He askt, are *Sidley*, *Buckhurst*, *Savil*, come?
 No, but there were a bove *Half-wit* and *Huff*,
Kickum, and *Dingboy*. Oh 'tis well enough,

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They're

They're all brave *Fellows*, crys mine *Host*, let's *Dine*,
 I long to have my *Belly* full of *Wine* ;
 They'l' Write, and Fight I dare assure you,
 They're Men, *Tam Marte quam Mercurio*.
 I saw my error, but 'twas now too late,
 No means, nor hopes, appears of a retreat.
 Well we salute, and each *Man* takes his Seat.
Boy (says my *Sot*) is my *Wife* ready yet !
 A *Wife*, good *Gods* ! a *Fop* and *Bullys* too !
 For one poor *Meal*, what must I undergo ?
 In comes my *Lady* strait, she had been *Fair*,
 Fit to give Love, and prevent Despair,
 But *Age*, *Beauties* incurable Disease,
 Had left her more desire, than pow'r to please.
 As *Cocks* will strike, although their *Spurs* be gone,
 She with her old blear *Eyes* to smite begun :
 Though nothing else, she (in despite of time)
 Preserv'd the affectation of her prime ;
 However you begun, she brought in Love,
 And hardly from that Subject wou'd remove.
 We chanc'd to speak of the *French Kings* success.
 My *Lady* wonder'd much how *Heav'n* cou'd bless,
 A *Man*, that Lov'd two *Women* at one time ;
 But more how he to them excus'd his Crime.
 She askt *Huff*, if *Loves* flame he never felt ?
 He answer'd bluntly, Do you think I'm gelt ?
 She at his plainness smil'd, then turn'd to me,
Love in Young *Minds*, proceeds ev'n *Poetry*.
 You to that Passion can no *Stranger* be,
 But *Wits* are giv'n to Inconstancy.
 She had run on I think till now, but *Meat*
 Came up, and suddenly she took her Seat,

I thought the *Dinner* wou'd make some amends,
 When my good *Host* crys out, y'are all my *Friends*,
 Our own plain Fair, and the best *Terse the Bull*
Affords, I'll give you and your Bellies full :
 As for French Kickshaws, Cellery, and Champoon,
 Ragous and Fricasses, in troth we've none. (strait
 Here's a good *Dinner* towards, thought I, when
 Up comes a piece a *Beef*, full *Horsmans* weight ;
 Hard as the *Arse* of M——, under which
 The *Coachman* sweats, as Ridden by a *Witch*.
 A Dish of *Carrets*, each of them as long
 As *Tool*, that to fair *Countesses* did belong ;
 Which her small *Pillow* cou'd not so well hide,
 But *Visitors* his flaming Hand espy'd.
Pig, *Goose*, and *Capon*, follow'd in the *Rear*,
 With all that *Country Bumpkins* call good *Cheer*.
 Serv'd up with *Sauces* all of *Eighty Eight*,
 When our tough *Youth*, wrestled, and threw the
 And now the *Bottle* briskly flies about, (*Weight*.
 Instead of *Ice*, wrapt in a wet *Clout*.
 A *Brimmer* follows the Third Bit we Eat,
 Small *Beer* becomes our drink, and *Wine* our *Meat*.
 The *Table* was so large, that in less space,
 A Man might save six old *Italians* place :
 Each Man had as much room, as *Porter B——*,
 Or *Harris* had, in *Cullens Bushel C——t*.
 And now the *Wine* began to work, mine *Host*
 Had been a *Collonel*, we must hear him boast
 Not of *Towns* won, but an *Estate* he lost
 For the *Kings* Service, which indeed he spent
 Whoring, and Drinking, but with good intent :
 He talkt much of a Plot, and *Money* lent

In *Cromwell's* time. My Lady she
 Complain'd our Loye was course, our Poetry
 Unfit for modest Ears, small Whores, and Play'rs.
 Were of our Hair-brain'd Youth, the only cares;
 Who were too wild for any virtuous League,
 Too rotten to consummate the Intrigue.
Falkland she prais'd, and *Sucklings* easie Pen,
 And seem'd to tast their former parts again.
 Mine Host drinks to the best in *Chriftenom*,
 And decently wy Lady quits the Room.
 Left to our selves, of several things we prate,
 Some regulate the Stage, and some the State.
Halfwit cries up my Lord of O——,
 Ah how well *Mustapha*, and *Zanger Dye*!
 His Sense so little forc'd, that by one Line,
 You may the other easily Divine:

And which is worse, if any worse can be,

He never said one word of it to me.

There's fine Poetry! you'd swear 'twere Prose,
 So little on the Sense, the Rhymes impose.
Damme (says *Ding-boy*) in my mind Gods-swounds,
E— writes Airy Songs, and soft Lamoens,
 The best of any Man; as for your *Nowns*,
Grammer, and Rules of Art, he knows 'em not,
 Yet writ Two Talking Plays, without one Plot.

H— was for *S—* and *Morecco* prais'd, (rais'd.
 Said rumbling words, like Drums, his Courage
Whose broad-built bulks, the boyst'rous Billows bear;
Zaphre and *Sally*, *Mugadore*, *Oran*,
The fam'd *Arzile*, *Alcazer*, *Tituan*.

Was ever braver Language writ by Man?

Kickum

Kickum for *Crown* declar'd, said in *Romance*,
 He had out-done the very *VVits* of *France*.
 Witness *Pandion*, and his *Charles* the *Eight*,
 Where a young *Monarch*, careless of his *Fate*,
 Though Foreign *Troops* & *Rebels*, shock his *State*,
 Complains another fight afflicts him more;
 (*Videl.*) The *Queens* *Galleys* rowing from the *shoar*,
Fitting their *Oars* and *Tacking* to be gone,
VVhilst sporting *Waves* smil'd on the rising *Sun*.

Waves smiling on the *Sun*! I'm sure that's new,
 And 'twas well thought on, give the *Diuel* his due.

Mine *Host*, who had said nothing in an hour,
 Rose up and prais'd the *Indian* *Emperour*.

As if our *Old* *World* modestly with-drew,
And here in private had brought forth a *New*.

There are two *Lines*! who but he durst presume
 To make the old *World* a new withdrawing *Room*,
 Where of another *Worl'd* she's brought to *Bed*!
 What a brave *Midwife* is a *Laureat's* *Head*!

But *Pox* of all these *Scriblers*, what d'e think,
 Will *Souches* this *Year* any *Champoon* dring?
 Will *Turenne* Fight him? without doubt, says *Huff*,
 If they two meet, their meeting will be rough.
Damme (says *Dingboy*) the *French*, *Cowards* are,
 They pay, but the *English*, *Scots*, & *Swits* make *War*:
 In gawdy *Troops*, at a *Review* they shine,
 But dare not with the *Germans*, *Battle* joine;
 What now appears like *Courage*, is not so,
 'Tis a short *Pride*, which from success does grow
 On the'r first *Blow*, they'll shrink into those *Fears*
 They shew'd at *Cressy*, *Agincourt*, *Poytiers*;

Their loss was Infamous, *Honour* so stain'd,
 Is by a *Nation* not to be regain'd. (brave,
 What they were then I know not, now they're
 He that denies it, lies, and is a *Slave*,
 (Says *Huff*, and frown'd;) says *Dingboy*, that do I,
 And at that word, at t'others *Head* let fly
 A greasie *Plate*, when suddenly they all
 Together by the Ears in Parties fall:
Halfwit with *Dingbey* joyns, *Kickum* with *Huff*;
 Their Swords were safe, and so we let 'em Cuff
 Till they mine *Host*, and I, had all enough.
 Their Rage once over, they begin to Treat,
 And Six fresh *Bottles* must the Peace Compleat.
 I ran down Stairs with a Vow never more
 To drink Beer-Glass, and hear the *Hectors* roar.

A Session of the Poets.

Since the *Sons* of the *Muses* grew num'rous, and (loud,
 For th' appeasing so factious, & clam'rous a Crowd
Apollo thought fit in so weighty a Cause,
 T' Establish a Government, *Leader*, and *Laws*.
 The hopes of the *Bays*, at his Summoning Call,
 Had drawn 'em together, the *Devil* and all: (sing,
 All thronging and listning, they gap'd for the Bles-
 No *Presbyter Sermon* had more crowding and pres-
 In the *Head* of the *Gang F--D--* appear'd, (sing.
 That Ancient grave *Wit*, so long lov'd and fear'd;
 But *Apollo* had heard a Story i'th' *Town*,
 Of his quitting the *Muses*, to wear a Black *Gown*;
 And so gave him leave, now his *Poetry's* done,
 To let him turn *Priest*, now *R——* is turn'd *Nun*.
This

This Reverend *Author* was no sooner set by,
 But *Apollo* had got gentle *George* in his Eye,
 And frankly confest, of all Men that writ, (Wit;
 There's none had more Fancy, Sense, Judgment, &
 But i'th' crying Sin, Idleness, he was so harden'd,
 That his long Sev'n Years silence, was not to be
 (pardon'd.

Brawny *VV*-- was the next Man shew'd his Face,
 But *Apollo* e'ne thought him too good for the place;
 No Gentleman *VVriter* that Office shou'd bear,
 'Twas a *Trader* in *VVit*, the *Lawrel* shou'd wear;
 As none but a *Citt*, e're makes a *Lord Mayor*.

Next into the Crowd, *Tom S*——does wallow,
 And Swears by his *Guts*, his *Paunch*, and his *Tallow*;
 'Tis he that alone best pleases the Age,
 Himself and his *VVife* have supported the Stage.

Apollo, well pleas'd with so Bonny a *Lad*,
 T'oblige him, he told him he shou'd be huge glad,
 Had he half so much *VVit*, as he fancy'd he had.

However to please so *Jovial* a *Wit*,
 And to keep him in humour, *Apollo* thought fit,
 To bid him drink on, and keep his Old Trick
 Of railing at *Poets*, and shewing his *Prick*.

N---L--- stept in next, in hopes of a *Prize*,
Apollo remember'd he had hit once in Thrice;
 By the *Ruby's* in's Face, he cou'd not deny,
 But he had as much *Wit* as *Wine* cou'd supply;
 Confest that indeed he had a *Musical Note*,
 But sometimes strain'd so hard, that he rattled i'th'
 (Throat,

Yet owning he had *Sense*, t' encourage him for't,
 He made him his *Ovid* in *Augustus's Court*,

Poet S--- his Tryal, was the next came about,
He brought him an *Ibrahim*, with the Preface torn
(out;

And humbly desir'd, he might give no offence;
God damme cry *S---* he cannot write sense,
And Ballocks, cry'd *Newport*, I hate that dull *Rogue*;
Apollo, consid'ring he was not in Vogue, (Fool,
Wou'd not trust his dear *Bays*, with so modest a
And bid the great *Boy*, shou'd be sent back to School,

Tom O--- came next, *Tom S---*, dear *Zany*;
And swears for *Heroicks*, he writes best of any;
Don C-- his Pockets so amply had fill'd, (all kill'd.
That his *Mange* was quite cur'd, and his *Lice* were
But *Apollo* had seen his Face on the Stage,
And prudently did not think fit to engage,
The scum of a *Play-house*, for the Prop of an *Age*.
In the numerous Herd, that encompass him round,
Little starcht *Fanny C---* at his Elbow he found,
His *Crevat-string* new Iron'd, he gently did stretch
His Lilly-white hand out, the *Lawrel* to reach;
Alledging that he had most right to the *Bays*,
For writing *Romances*, and shiting of *Plays*.

Apollo rose up, and gravely confest,
Of all *Men* that writ, his *Talent* was best:
For since pain, and dishonor, *Mans* life only damn,
The greatest felicity *Mankind* can claim,
Is to want sense of smart, & be past sense of shame:
And to perfect his *Bliss*, in *Poetical Rapture*,
He bid him be dull to the end of the *Chapter*.

The *Poetess Afra*, next shew'd her sweet Face,
And swore by her *Poetry*, and her black *Ace*,

The *Lawrel*, by a double right was her own,
 For the *Plays* she had writ, and the *Conquests* she
 (had won :

Apollo acknowledg'd 'twas hard to deny her,

Yet to deal franckly, and ingeniously by her,
 He told her, were *Conquests*, and *Charms*, her pre-
 (tence,

She ought to have pleaded a *Dozen* Years since.

Anababaluthu put in for a share,

And little *Tom Essences Author*, was there,

Nor cou'd D--- forbear for the *Lawrel* to stickle

Protesting he had had the *Honour* to tickle

The Ears of the *Town*, with his dear *Madam Fickle*.

With other pretenders, whose names I'd rehearse,
 But they're too long too stand in my *Verse*.

Apollo, quite tir'd with their tedious *Harrangue*,

Finds at last *Tom B---* Face in the Gang,

And since Poets, with the kind Play'rs, may hang,

By his own light, he solemnly swore,

That in search of a *Laureat*, he'd look out no more.

A general murmur ran quite through the *Hall*,

To think that the *Bays* to an *Actor* shou'd fall,

But *Apollo*, to quiet, and pacifie all ;

E'ne told, 'em to put his desert to the Test,

That he made Plays, as well as the best :

And was the greatest wonder the *Age* ever bore,

For of all the Play-Scriblers, that e're writ before,

His wit, had most wotth, and most modest in't,

For he had writ, Plays, yet ne'e came in Print.

S A T Y R.

*Aude aliquid brevibus Gyaris aut carcere dignum
Sivis esse aliquis---Indem sat.*

Suppos'd to be spoken by a Court He^ctor.

Pindarique.

NOW Curses on ye all, ye virtuous *Fools*,
Who think to Fetter Free-born Souls,
And tie'em up to dull *Mortality*, and *Rules* ;
The *Stagyrite*, be damn'd, and all the Crew,
Of learn'd *Idiots*, who his steps pursue !
And those most silly *Profelites*, whom his fond pre-
cepts drew ! (drown'd,
Oh had his *Ethicks* been with their wild *Author*
Or a like Fate, with those lost Writings found,
which that grand *Plagiary*, doom'd to *Fire*,
And made by unjust *Flames* expire,
They ne're had then seduc'd *Mortality*,
Ne're lasted to debauch the *World*, with their lewd
(*Pedantry*.
But damn'd, and more (if *Hell* can do't) be that
(Thrice Cursed Name,
Who are the Rudiments of Law design'd ;
Whoe're did the First *Model* of *Religion* frame,
And by that double *Vassalage* enthral'd *Mankind* ;
By nought before, but their own pow'r, or will
(confin'd :
Now quite abridg'd of all their Primitive liberty,
And *Slaves* to each capricious *Monarchs* Tyranny.
More happy *Bruites* ! who the great Rule of sense
(observe,
And

And ne're from their First Charter swerve.

Happy whose Lives are meerly to enjoy,

And feel no stings of Sin, which may their Bliss an-
Still unconcern'd, at *Epithetes* of ill or good, (noy;
Distinctions unadult'rate *Nature*, never understood

2.

Hence! hated *Virtue*, from our goodly *Isle*!

No more our Joys beguile! (happy State;

No more with thy loath'd presence plague our

Thou *Enemy* to all that's brisk, or gay, or brave, or

Begone! with all thy pious meager *Train*, (great!

To some unfruitful, unfrequented *Land*,

And there an *Empire* gain,

And there extend thy rigorous command:

There where illib'ral *Natures* Niggardice,

Has set a *Tax* on *Vice*!

Where the lean barren *Region* does enhance,

The worth of dear intemperance!

And for each pleasurable Sin, exacts *Excise*!

We (thanks to *Heav'n*) more cheaply can offend.

And want no tempting *Luxuries*,

No good convenient Sinning opportunities.

Which *Natures* bounty cou'd bestow, or *Heav'n's*

(kindness lend!

Go follow that Nice *Goddes* to the *Skies*!

Who heretofore disgusted an encreasing Vice,

Dislik'd the *World*, and thought it too profane,

And timely hence retir'd, & kindly ne're return'd

Hence! to those Airy Mansions rove, (again;

Converse with *Saints*, and holy *Flocks* above!

Those may thy presence wooe,

Whose lazy ease, affords 'em nothing else to do;

Where

Where haughty scornful I, (Company :
 And my great *Friends*, will ne're vouch safe thee
 Thou art now a hard unpracticable good,
 Too difficult for *Flesh and Blood*, (practice thee.
 Where I all Soul like them, perhaps I'd learn to

3.

Virtue ! thou solemn grave impertinence,
 Abhorr'd by all the *Men of Wit and Sense* ! (here,
 Thou damn'd *Fatigue* ! that clogg'st *Lifes Journey*
 Tho' thou no weight of *Wealth* or Profit bear !
 Thou puling, fond, Green-sickness of the *Minds*,
 That makes us prove to our own selves unkind ;
 Whereby we *Coals* and *Dirt*, for *Diet* choose,
 And pleasures better *Food* refuse.

Curst *Filt* ! that leadst deluded *Mortals* on,
 Till they too late perceive themselves undone.
 Chows'd by a *Dowry*, in Reversion !

The greatest *Votary*, thou e're cou'dst boast,
 Pity so brave a Soul, was in thy service lost,
 What wonders he in wickedness had done !
 Whom thy weak pow'r, cou'd so inspire alone !

Thou long with fond *Amours* he courted thee,
 Yet dying did Recant his vain Idolatry ;
 At length (tho late) he did repent with shame,
 Forc'd to confess thee nothing but an empty name ;
 So was the *Letcher* gull'd, whose haughty love,
 Design'd a *Rape* on the *Queen Regent*, of the *Gods*
 (above.

When he a *Goddess* thought he had in chase,
 He found a gawdy *Vapour* in the place,
 And with thin *Air*, beguil'd his starv'd embrace ;
 Idly he spent his *Vigour* ! spent his *Blood*,
 And tir'd himself, t'oblige an unperforming *Cloud*.

4.

If human kind to thee e're Worship paid,
 Then were by Ignorance misled ;
 That only them devout, and thee a *Goddeſs* made:
 Know hap'ly in the *Worlds* rude untaught Infancy,
 Before it had out-grown its Childiſh Innocence ;
 Before it had arriv'd at Senſe, (bauchery ;
 Or reach'd the *Manhood*, and diſcretion of De-
 Known in thoſe Ancient, Godly, duller times,
 When crafty *Pagans* had engroſs'd all Crimes:
 When *Chriſtian Fools*, were obſtinatly good,
 Nor yet their Goſpel freedom underſtood.
 Tame eaſie *Fops*, who cou'd ſo prodigally bleed,
 To be thought *Saints*, and dye a Kalender with red.
 No prudent *Heathen*, e're ſeduc'd cou'd be,
 To ſuffer Martyrdom for thee, (wiſe :
 Only that Arrant *Aſſe*, whom the falſe *Oracle* call'd
 (No wonder if the *Devil* utter'd *Lies*)
 That ſniv'ling *Puritan*, who ſpite of all the Mode,
 Wou'd be unfashionably good ;
 And exerciſ' his whinnying Gifts to rail at Vice,
 Him all the *Wits*, of *Athens*, damn'd,
 And juſtly with *Lampoons*, defam'd.
 But when the Mad *Fanatick* cou'd not ſilenc'd be,
 From broaching of Divinity,
 The wiſe *Republick*, made him for prevention dye,
 And kindly ſent him to the *Gods*, and better Com-
 (pany.

5.

Let fumbling Age, be grave, and wiſe,
 And *Virtues* poor contemn'd *Idea* prize,
 Who never knew, now art paſt the ſweets of Vice;
 Whiſt we whoſe Active Pulſes beat,
 With luſty Youth, and vig'rous heat, Can

Can all their *Birds*, and *Morals* too despise ;
 Whilst my plump *Veins* are fill'd with Lust and
 Let not one thought of her intrude, (Blood
 Or dare approach my *Breast* ;
 But now 'tis all posselt,
 By a more welcome *Guest* ;
 And know, I have not yet the leisure to be good :
 If ever unkind *Destiny*,
 Shall force long *Life* on me ;
 If e're I must the *Curse* of *Dotage* bear,
 Perhaps I'll dedicate those *Dregs* of time to her,
 And come with *Crutches*, her most humble *Votary*
 When Sprightly *Vice* retreats from hence,
 And quits the Ruins of decayed Sense,
 She'll serve to *Usher* in a fair petence, (potence
 And vanish with her *Name*, a well dissembled Im-
 When Pthifick, Rheums, Catarrhs, and Palsies
 And all the *Bill* of *Maladies*, (seize,
 Which *Heav'n*, to punish over-living *Mortals* sends;
 Then let her enter, with th' num'rous infirmities,
 Her self the greatest plague, which wrinckles and
 6. (gray Hairs attends.
 Tell me, ye Venerable *Sots*, who Court her most,
 What small advantage can she boast, (gross'd?
 Which her great *Rival*, has not in a greater store en-
 Her quiet, calm, and peace of Mind,
 In *Wine* and Company, we better find,
 Find it with pleasure. too combin'd !
 In mighty *Wine*, where we our Senses steep,
 And lull our Cares and *Consciences* asleep !
 But why do I, that wild *Chimera* name ?
Conscience ! that giddy *Airy Dream* ;

Which

Which does from *Brain-sick-heads*, or ill digesting
(Stomachs, stream.

Conscience ! the vain Fantastick Fear,
Of Punishments, we know not when, or where :
Project of crafty *States-men*, to support weak Law,
Whereby they Slavish Spirits awe,
And dastard Souls, to forc'd Obedience draw.
Grand Wheedle! which our *Gown'd-Impostors* use,
The poor unthinking *Rabble*, to abuse?
Scare-Crow, to fright from the forbidden Fruit of
Their own beloved *Paradise* ! (Vice,
Let those Vile *Canterers*, Wickedness decry,
Whose Mercenary Tongues take pay
For what they say ; (deny.
And yet commend in practice, what their words
While we discerning Heads, who farther pry,
Their Holy *Cheats* defie, (Cajollery.
And scorn their Frauds, and scorn their sanctifi'd
None but dull unbred *Fools*, discredit Vice,
Who act their Wickedness, with an ill grace ;
Such their Profession scandalize,
And justly forfeit all that praise,
All that esteem, that credit, and applause.
Which we by our wise *Manage*, from a Sin can
A true, and brave Transgressor ought, (raise.
To Sin with the same height of Spirit, *Cæsar* fought
Mean-soul'd Offenders, now no honour gain,
Only Debauches of the Nobler strain ;
Vice, well improv'd, yields Bliss, and Fame be-
And some for Sinning have been *Deify'd* ! (fide,
Thus the lewd *Gods*, of old, did move,
By these Brave *Methods*, to the Seats above !

Ev'n

Ev'n *Jove* himself, the Sov'raign *Deity*,
Father, and *King*, of all th' immortal Progeny,
 Ascended to that high degree,
 By Crimes above the reach of weak *Mortality* ;
 He *Heav'n* one large *Seraglio* made,
 Each *Goddeſs*, turn'd a glorious *Punk*, o'th' Trade,
 And all the Sacred place,
 Was fill'd with *Bastard Gods*, of his own Race !
 Almighty *Letch'ry* got his first repute, (bute.
 And everlasting Whoring, was his chiefest Attri-
 8.

How gallant was that *Wretch*, whose happy guilt,
 A Fame upon the Ruins of a *Temple* built ?
 Let *Fools* (said he) Impiety alledg,
 And urge the no great Faul of *Sacriledg* ?
 I'll set the Sacred *Pile* on flame,
 And in its *Ashes*, write my lasting Name !
 My Name ! which thus shall be,
 Deathless as its own *Deity* !
 Thus the vain glorious *Carian*, I'll out-do,
 And *Aegypt's* proudest *Monarchs* too !
 Those lavish *Prodigals*, who idly did consume
 Their Lives, and Treasures to erect a *Tomb*,
 And only great, by being buried wou'd become.
 At cheaper Rates than they, I'll buy Renown,
 And my lowd Fame, shall all their silent Glories
 (drown !
 So spake the daring *Hector*, so did Prophecy,
 And so it prov'd— in vain did envious Fate,
 By fruitless *Methods* try,
 To raise his well built *Fame* and *Memory*
 Amongst *Posterity* :

The *Beautifull* can now Immortal write,
While the inglorious *Founder* is forgotten quite.

9.

Yet great was that mighty *Emperor*.
(A greater Crime, befitted his high pow'r)
Who Sacrific'd a *City* to a Jest, (best!
And shew'd he knew the grand Intrigues of humor
He made all *Rome* a *Bonfire* to his Fame!
And sung, and plaid, and danc'd amidst the
Bravely begun! yet pity there he staid, (Flame!
One step to glory more he shou'd have made!
He shou'd have heav'd the noble *Frollick* higher,
And made the *People* on, that *Fun'ral Pile* expire!
Or providently with their *Blood* put out the *Fire*!
Had this been done,
The utmost pitch of Glory he had wone!
No greater *Monument* cou'd be,
To Consecrate him to *Eternity*! (but me!
Nor shou'd there need another *Herald* of his praise

10.

And thou yet greater *Faux*, the glory of our Isle,
Whom baffled *Hell*, esteems its chiefest *Foyl*;
(Twere injury shou'd I omit thy Name)
Whose action merits all the breath of *Fame*!
Methinks I see the trembling shades Below,
Around in humble Rev'rence, how
Doubtful they seem, whether to pay their *Loyalty*
To their dread *Monarch*, or to thee!
No wonder he grown jealous of thy fear'd success,
Envy'd *Mankind*, the Honour of thy Wickedness,
And spoil'd that brave attempt, which must have
(made his grandure less.
H How

Such their Vile Souls, for Viler *Barter* sell,
Scarceworth the damning, or their room in *Hell*.
We are its *Grandees*, and expect as high prefer-
(ment there,

For our good service, as on *Earth* we share.
In them, Sin is but a meer privative of good,
The frailty and defect of *Flesh* and *Blood*;
In us 'tis a perfection, who profess,
A study'd, and Elaborate Wickedness :
We're the great *Royal Society* of Vice,
Whose Talents, are to make Discoveries,
And advance Sin, like other *Arts* and *Sciences*.
'Tis I, the bold *Columbus*, only I,
Who must new *Worlds*, in Vice descry,
And fix the *Pillars*, of unpassable Iniquity.

12.

How sneaking was the first *Debauch* that sin'd,
Who for so small a Sin, sold *Human* kind !
How undeserving that high place,
To be thought *Parent* of our Sin, and Race ;
Who by low guilt, our *Nature* doubly did debase.
Unworthy was he to be thought,
Father of the great *First-born Cain*, which he begot.
The Noble *Cain* ! whose bold, and gallant Act,
Proclaim'd him of more high *Extract* !

Unworthy me,
And all the braver part of his *Posterity* ;
Had the just *Fates* design'd me in his stead,
I'd done some great, and unexampled Deed !
A Deed ! which shou'd decry,
The *Stoicks* dull Equality,
And shew that Sin admits Transcendency !

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A deed! wherein the *Tempter* shou'd not share,
 Above what *Heav'n* cou'd punish, and above what
 (he cou'd dare!
 For greater Crimes than his, I wou'd have fell,
 And acted somewhat, which might merit more
 (than *Hell*.

An Apology to the fore-going Satyr, by way of Epilogue.

MY part is done, and you'll I hope excuse
 The extravagance, of a repenting *Muse*;
 Pardon what e're she has to boldly said,
 She only acted here in *Masquerade*;
 And the slight *Arguments* she did produce,
 Were not to flatter Vice, but to traduce:
 So we *Buffoons*, in *Princely* dress expose,
 Not to be Gay but more Ridiculous
 When she a *Hector* for her *Subject* had,
 She thought she must be *Tarmagant*, and Mad;
 That made her speak like a lewd *Punck*, o'th' *Town*,
 Who by converse with *Bullys*, wicked grown,
 Has learn'd the *Mode* to cry all *Virtue* down:
 But now the *Vizor's* off, she changes Scene,
 And turns a Modest Civil *Girl* again.
 Our *Poet* has a diff'rent taste of Wit,
 Nor will to th' common *Vogue*, himself submit.
 Let some admire the *Fops*, whose Talents lye,
 Inventing dull insipid *Blasphemy*;
 He swears he cannot with those terms dispence,
 Nor will be damn'd for the repute of sense.
 Wits Name, was never to Profaness due,
 For then you see, he cou'd be witty too:
 He cou'd *Lampoon* the *State*, and *Libel Kings*,
 But that he's *Loyal*, and knows better things,
 Than *Fame*, whose guilty *Birth* from *Treason* springs.

He likes not Wit which can no *Licence* claim,
 To which the *Author* dares not set his Name ;
Wit shou'd be open, court each *Readers Eye*,
 Not lurk in fly unprinted *Privacy*.
 But Criminal *Writers*, like dull *Birds* of Night,
 For weakness, or for shame, avoid the light :
 May such a *Fury*, for the *Audience* have,
 And from the *Bench*, not *Pit*, their doom receive :
 May they the *Tower* for their due merits share,
 And a Just Wreath of *Hemp*, not *Lawrel* wear.
 He cou'd be *Bawdy* too, and Nick the Times,
 In what they dearly love , damn'd *Placket*
 Such as our *Nobles* Write—— (Rhymes,
 Whose *Nauseous Poetry* can reach no higher,
 Than what the *Cod-peice*, or its *God* inspire :
 So lewd they spend at Quill, you'd justly think,
 They wrote with something Nastier than Ink.
 But he still thought that little Wit, or none,
 Which a just Modesty must never own,
 And a meer *Redder* with a blush atone.
 If Ribauldry deserve the praise of Wit,
 He must resign to each illit'rate *Cit*,
 And *Prentices*, and *Car-men*, challenge it :
 Ev'n they too, can be smart, and witty there,
 For all *Men* on that Subject, *Poets* are.
 Hence forth he says, if ever more he find,
 Himself to the base Itch of Verse inclin'd,
 If e're he's given up so far to Write,
 He never meansto make his end delight ;
 Shou'd he do so, he must despare success,
 For he's not now Debauch'd enough to please,
 And must be Damn'd for want of Wickedness.

He'll therefore use his gift another way,
 And next the ugliness of Vice display :
 Though against *Virtue* once he drew his Pen,
 He'll ne're for ought, but her defence agen.
 Had he a *Genius*, and *Poetick* Rage,
 Great as the *Vices* of this guilty Age ;
 Were he all *Gaul*, and arm'd with store of spight,
 'Twere worth his pains to undertake to write :
 To Noble *Satyr*, he'd direct his aim,
 And by't *Mankind*, and *Poetry* reclaim :
 He'd shoot his Quills, just like a *Porcupine*,
 At *Vice*, and make 'em stab in ev'ry *Line* ;
 The *World*, shou'd learn to blush——
 And dread the Vengeance of his angry Wit, (fright ;
 Which more than their own *Consciences* shou'd
 And all shou'd think him *Heavens* just Plague de-
 To visit for the Sins of lewd *Mankind*. (sign'd,

Upon the Author of the Play call'd Sodom.

Tell me abandon'd *Miscreant*, prithee tell, (*Hell*;
 What damn'd Pow'r invok'd, and sent from
 (If *Hell*, were bad enough) did thee inspire, (hear ?
 Hast thou of late embrac'd some *Sucubus* ?
 And us'd the lewd *Familiar*, for a *Muse* ?
 Or didst thy Soul, by Inch o'th' *Candle* sell,
 To gain the glorious Name of *Pimp*, to *Hell* ?
 If so, go, and its vow'd *Allegiance* swear,
 Without *Press-Mony*, be its *Volunteer* :
 May he who enviest thee, deserve thy Fate,
 Deserve both *Heav'ns*, and *Mankinds*, scorn & hate.
 Disgrace to *Libels* ! Foil to very shame,
 Whom 'tis a scandal to vouchsafe to damn.

What

What foul descriptions, foul enough for thee,
 Sunk quite below the reach of Infamy?
 Thou cover'st to be lewd, but want'st the mite,
 And art all over *Devil*, but in Wit.
 Weak feeble *Strainer*, at meer Ribaldry,
 Whose *Muse* is Impotent to that degree,
 That need, like Age, be whipt to *Letchery*.
 Vile Sot! who clapt with *Poetry* art sick,
 And void'st Corruption, like a *Shanker'd Prick*.
 Like *Ulcers*, the Impostum'd Addle Brains,
 Drop out in Matter, which thy Paper stains:
 Whence nauseous *Rhymes*, by filthy *Births* proceed,
 As *Maggots*, in some *T—rd*, ingendring breed.
 Thy *Muse* has got the *Flow'rs*, and they ascend,
 As in some *Green-sick Girl*, at upper end.
 Sure *Nature* made, or meant at least t' have don't,
 Thy Tongue a *Clytoris*, thy Mouth a *C—t*:
 How well a *Dildee*, wou'd that place become,
 To gag it up, and make't for ever dumb?
 At least it shou'd be Syring'd——
 Or wear some stinking *Merkin* for a Beard,
 That all from its base converse might be scar'd;
 As they a *Door* shut up, and mark'd beware,
 That tells infection, and the *Plague* is there.
 Thou *Moorfields Author*, fit for *Bawds* to quote,
 (If *Bawds* themselves with honour safe may do't,)
 When *Suburd Prentice* comes to hire delight
 And wants Incentives to dull Appetite, (hearse,
 There *Punk*, perhaps, may thy brave works re-
 Frigging the senseless thing, with Hand and Verse;
 Which after shall preferr'd to *Dressing Box*)
 Hold *Turpentine*, and *Medicines* for the Pox:

Or (if I may ordain a *Fate* more fit)
 For such foul nasty *Excrements* of *Wit*,
 May they condemn'd to th' publick *Fakes* be lent,
 For me I'd fear the *Piles*, in Vengeance sent,
 Shou'd I with them prophane my *Fundament*)
 Therefore bugger wiping *Porters* when they thite,
 And so thy *Book* it self turn *Sodomite*.

A Call to the Guard by a Drum.

R AT too, Rat too, Rat tat too, Rat tat too, (*Blew,*
With your Noses all scabb'd, and your Eyes Black and
All ye hungry poor Sinners, that Foot-Soldiers are,
Though with very small Coin, yet with very much care,
From your Quarters in Garrets, make hast to repair,
To the Guard, to the Guard.

From your sorry Straw-beds, and your bonny white Fleas,
From your Dreams of small drink, and your werysmall ease,
From your plenty of stink, and no plenty of room, (Gum,
From your Walls daub'd with Phlem sticking on 'em like
And Ceiling hung with Cobwebs, to stanch a cut Thumb,
To the Guard, &c.

From your crackt Earthen piss-pots, where no piss can stay,
From Roofs bewrit with snuffs in letters the wrong way,
From one old broken Stool, with one unbroken Leg,
One Box with ne're a Lid, to keep ne're a Rag,
And Windows that of Storms more than your selves can brag,
To the Guard, &c.

With trusty Pike, and Gun, and the other rusty Tool,
With Heads extreamly hot, and with Hearts wondrous cool ;
With Stomachs meaning none (but Cooks and Sutlers) hurt,
With two old totter'd Shooes, that disgrace the Town Dirt,
With 40 shreds of Breeches, and not one shred of Shirt.
To the Guard, &c.

See

See they come, see they come, see they come, see they come,
 With Allarms in their Pates, to the call of a Drum ;
 Some lodging with the Barvds (whom the modest call Bitches)
 With their Bones dry'd to Kexes, and Legs shurnk to Switches;
 With the Plague in the purse and the Pox in the Breeches.

To the Guard, &c.

Some from snoring and farting, and spewing on Breeches,
 Some from damn'd fulsome Ale, & more damn'd fulsome Wenches
 Some from Put, and Size Ace, and old Sim, this way stalk,
 Each Mans reeling's his Gate, and his Hycop his talk,
 With two new Cheeks of red, from ten old Rows of Chalk.

To the Guard, &c.

Here comes others from scuffling and damning mine Host,
 With their Tongues at last tam'd, but with Faces that boast,
 Of some Scars by the Fordan, or War-like Quart Pot,
 For their building of Sconces and Volleys of Shot,
 Which they charg'd to the Mouth, but discharg'd ne're a Groat.

To the Guard, &c.

Then for Valour in black too ! the Chaplain does come !
 From his Preaching o're Pots, now to pray o're a Drum.
 All ye Whoreing and Swearing old Red Coats, draw near,
 Like to Saints in Red Letters, listen and give ear,
 And be Godly a while ho, and then as you were.

To the Guard, &c.

After some canting Terms, to your Arms, and the like,
 Such as poyssing your Musket, or porting your Pike ;
 To the Right, to the Left, or else Face about,
 After ratling your Sticks, and your shaking a Clout,
 Hast your Infantry Troops, that mount the Guard on Foot.

To the Guard, &c.

Captain Hector first marches, but not he of Troy,
 But a Trifle made up of a Man and a Boy.
 See the Man scant at Arms, in a Scarf does abound,
 Which presages some swagg'ring, but no blood nor wound,
 Like a Rain-bow that shews the World shan't be drown'd.

To the Guard, &c.

As

*As the Tinker wears Rags, whilst the Dog bears the Budget;
So the Man stalks with staff, whilst the Foot-boy does trudge it,
With the Tool he shou'd work with (that's Half pike you'll say)
But what Captain's so strong his own Arms to convey,
When he Marches o're loaden with Ten other Mens pay.*

To the Guard, &c.

*In his March (if you mark) he's attended at least,
With stings Sixteen deep, and about Five a Breast,
Made of Ale and Mundungas, Snuff, Rags, and Brown Crust, for,
While he wants Twenty Taylors to make up the Cluster,
Which declares that his journey's not new to the Muster.*

But to the Guard, &c.

*Some with Musket and Belly uncharg'd, march away,
With Pipes black as their Mouths are, and short as their pay;
Whilst their Coats made of holes, shew like Bone lace about 'em,
And their Bandileers hang like the Bobbins without 'em,
And whilst Horsemen do cloath 'm, these Foot-scrubs do
clout 'em.*

For the Guard, &c.

*Some with that ti'd on one side, & Wit tid on neither, (hither,
Wear Gray Coats, and Gray Cattle, see their Wenches run
For to peep through Red Lettice, and dark Cellar doors,
To behold 'em wear Pikes rusty, just like their Whores,
As slender as their Meals, and as long as their Scores.*

To the Guard, &c.

*Some with Tweedle, Weedle, Weede (whilst we beat dub a dub)
Keep the base Scotish Noise, and as base Scotish scrub;
Then with Body contracted, a Rag open spread,
Comes a thing with Red Colours, and Nose full as Red,
Like an Ensign, to the King, and to the Kings Head.*

Towards the Guard, &c.

*Two Commanders, come last, the Lieutenant perhaps,
Full of Low Country Story, and Low Country Claps,
To to be next him the other takes care not to fail,
(Powder Monkey by name) that vents stink by wholesale;
For where wou'd the Fart be, but just with the Tail.*

Of the Guard, &c.

And

*And now bay for the King, Boys, and they for the Court,
Which is guarded by these. as the Tow'r is by Dirt ;
These White-hall must admit, and such other unhorse ye,
Each Day lets in the drunk, whilst it lets out the drowsie,
And no place in the World, shifts so oft to be Lowsey.*

Thank the Guard, &c.

*Some to Scotland-yard sneak, and the Sutlers Wife kisses,
But despairing of Drink, till some Country man pisses,
And pays too (for no place in the Court must be given)
To the Can, Office then all, a Foot Soldiers Heav'n,
Where he finds a foul Fox, soon, and cures Sir Stephen.*

On the Guard, &c.

*Some at Shite-house publick (where a Rag always goes)
At once empty their Guts, and diminish their Cloths,
Tho' their Mouths are poor Pimps (Whore and Bacon being all)
Their chief Food, (yet their Bums we true Courtiers may call,
For what they eat in the Suburbs, they shite at White-hall.*

For the Guard, &c.

*Such a like pack of Cards, to the Park, making entry,
Here, and there, deal an Ace, which the Jews, call a Centry,
Which in bad Houses of Bords, stand to tell what a Clock 'tis,
Where they keep up tame Red Coats, as Men keep up tame Fo-
Or Apothecaries lay up their Dogs T--ds, in Boxes. (xes,*

Oh the Guard, &c.

*Some of these are planted (though it has been their lucks
Oft to steal Country Geese) now to watch the King's Ducks ;
While some others are set, in the side that has Wood in,
To stand Pimps to black Masques, that are oft thither footing,
Just as Huswifes set Cuckholds, to tend their Black-pudding.*

Oh the Guard, &c.

*Whilst another true Trojan, to some passage runs,
As to keep in the Debtor, so to keep out the Duns ;
Or a Prentice, or his Mistriss ; with Oaths to confound,
Till he hies him from the Park, as from forbidden ground,
Cause his credit is whole, and his Wench may be sound.*

And quits the Guard, &c.

Now

Now it's Night, and the Patrole in Ale-house drown'd,
 For nought else, but the Pot, and their Brains walk the round;
 Whilst like Hell, the Commanders, Guard Chamber, does shew,
 There's such damning their selves, and all else of the Crew;
 For tho' these cheat their Men, they give the Devil his due.

On the Guard, &c.

Whilst a Main, after Main, at old Hazard they throw,
 And their Quarrels grow high, as their Mony grows low;
 Strait they threaten hard (using bad Faces for frowns)
 To revenge on the Flesh, the default of the Bones,
 But the Blood's in their Hose, and in Oaths all their Wounds.

Like the Guard, &c.

In the Morning they fight, just as much as they pray,
 For some one to the King, does the tidings convey,
 For preventing of Murder; Oh'tis a wise way!
 Though not one of 'em knows (as a Thousand dare say)
 What belongs to a dead Man, unless in his pay.

For the Guard, &c.

With their skins, they march home, no more hurt than their
 But for scratching of Faces, or biting of Thumbs; (Drums,
 And now hey for fat Alewives, and Tradesmen, grown lean,
 For the Captain, grown Bankrupt, recruits him agen,
 With sending out Tickets, and turning out Men.

From the Guard, &c.

Strait the poor Rogue's Cashier'd, with a Cane, and a Curse,
 Fall from wounding no Men, now to cut ev'ry Purse:
 And what then? Man's a Worm, these Glow-worms may name,
 For as they're dark of Body, have Tails all of flame,
 So though these liv'd in Oaths, yet they dye with a Psalm.

Farewel Guard, &c.

Epelia to Bajafet.

HOW far are they deceiv'd who hope in vain,
 A lasting Lease of Joys from Love to obtain?
 All the dear sweets, we promise or expect,
 After enjoyment, turns to cold neglect. Cou'd

Cou'd love, a constant happiness have known,
 The mighty wonder, had in me been shewn,
 Our passions are so favoured by *Fate*,
 As if she meant 'em an Eternal Date;
 So kind he look'd, such tender words he spoke,
 'Twas past belief such Vows shou'd e're be broke.
 Fixt on my *Eyes*, how often wou'd he say,
 He cou'd with pleasure gaze an Age away!
 When thoughts too great for words had made him
 In Kisses he wou'd tell my hand his Suit. (mute,
 So great his passions was, so far above
 The common *Gallantrys*, that pass for love,
 At worst I thought if he unkind shou'd prove,
 His ebbing passion, wou'd be kinder far,
 Than the First transports of all other are.
 Nor was my love, or fondness less than his,
 In him I center'd all my hopes of Bliss!
 For him my duty to my *Friends* forgot,
 For him I lost, alas! what lost I not?
 Fame, all the valuable things of Life,
 To meet his Love, by a less Name than *Wife*;
 How happy was I then, how dearly blest,
 When this great Man lay panting on my Breast,
 Looking such things as ne're can be exprest!
 Thousand fresh looks he gave me ev'ry hour,
 Whilst greedily I did his looks devour!
 Till quite o'recome with Charms, I trembling lay,
 At ev'ry look he gave, melted away!
 I was so highly happy in his Love,
 Methoughts I pittied them that dwelt above!
 Think then thou greatest, loveliest, falsest Man,
 How you have vow'd, how I have lov'd, and then,
My

My faithless Dear, be Cruel if you can !
 How I have Lov'd, I cannot, need not tell,
 No, ev'ry Act has shown I lov'd to well.
 ✕ Since firſt I ſay you, I ne're had a thought ✕
 Since firſt I ſaw you, I ne're had a thought
 Was not entirely yours, to you I brought
 My *Virgin* Innocence, and freely made
 My Love an Off'ring, to your Noble Bed :
 Since when ye've been the *Star*, by which I ſteer'd,
 And nothing elſe but you I lov'd or Fear'd.
 Your ſmiles I only live by, and I muſt,
 When e're you frown, be ſhatter'd into Duſt.
 Oh ! can the coldneſs that you ſhew me now,
 Suit with the gen'rous heat you once did ſhew ?
 I cannot live on Pity, or Reſpect,
 A thought ſo mean wou'd my whole love infect,
 Leſs than your Love I ſcorn Sir to expect.
 Let me not live in dull indiff'rency,
 But give me Rage enough to make me Die !
 For if from you, I needs muſt meet my Fate,
 Before your Pity, I wou'd chooſe your Hate.

A very Heroical Epistle in Answer to Ephelia.

Madam,

I F you'r deceiv'd, 'tis not by my Cheat,
 For all diſguiſes are below the great.
 What *Man* or *Woman* upon *Earth*, can ſay
 I ever us'd them well above a Day ?
 How is it then, that I unconstant am ?
 He changes not who always is the ſame.
 In my dear ſelf I center ev'ry thing,
 My *Servants*, *Friends*, my *Mrs.* and my *King*,
 Nay,

Say, *Heav'n* and *Earth* to that one point I bring.
 Well Manner'd, Honest, Generous and Stout,
 James by dull *Fools*, to plague Mankind found out,
 Should I regard, I must my self constrain,
 And 'tis my *Maxim* to avoid all pain.
 You fondly look for what none e're cou'd find,
 Deceive your self, and then call me unkind,
 And by false Reasons, wou'd my falshood prove,
 For 'tis as natural to change, as love :
 You may as justly at the *Sun* repine,
 Because alike it does not always shine :
 No glorious thing, was ever made to stay,
 My Blazing *Star*, but visits and away,
 As fatal too it shines, as those i'th' *Skies*,
 'Tis never seen, but some great *Lady* Dies.
 The boasted favour, you so precious hold,
 To me's no more than changing of Gold.
 What e're you gave, I paid you back in Bliss,
 Then where's the Obligation pray of this ?
 If heretofore you found grace in my *Eyes*,
 Be thankful for it, and let that suffice,
 But *Woman*, Beggar-like, still haunt the Door,
 Where they've receiv'd a *Charity* before.
 Oh happy *Sultan* ! whom we barb'rous call,
 How much refin'd art thou above us all :
 Who envies not the Joys of thy *Serail* ?
 Thee like some *God* ! the trembling Crowd adore,
 Each *Man*'s thy *Slave*, and *Woman*-kind thy *Whore*.
 Methinks I see thee underneath the Shade,
 Of Golden Canopy, supinely laid,
 Thy crowding *Slaves*, all silent as the Night,
 But at thy Nod, all active, as the light !

Secure

Secure in solid Sloth, thou there dost reign,
 And feel'st the Joys of Love, without the pain.
 Each *Female*, Courts thee with a wishing Eye,
 While thou with awful Pride, walk'st careless by;
 Till thy kind Pledg, at last marks out the *Dame*,
 Thou fancy'st most, to quench thy present flame.
 Then from thy Bed, submissive she retires,
 And thankful for the grace, no more requires.
 No loud reproach, nor fond unwelcome sound,
 Of *Womens* Tongues, thy sacred Ear does wound;
 If any do, a nimble *Muse* strait ties
 The *True-Lovers-knot*, and stops her foolish Cries:
 Thou fear'st no injur'd *Kinsmans* threatening Blade,
 Nor Mid-night Ambushes by *Rivals* laid;
 While here with aking Hearts, our Joys we tast,
 Disturb'd by Swords, like *Democles* his Feast.

On Poet Ninny.

CRusht by that just Contempt his *Follies* bring
 On his Craz'd *Head*, the *Vermin* fain wou'd
 But never *Satyr* did so softly bite, (sting.
 Or gentle *Geoge* himself, more genly write.
 Born to no other, but thy own disgrace,
 Thou art a thing so wretchd, and so base,
 Thou can'st not ev'n offend, but with thy Face.
 And dost at once a sad example prove,
 Of harmles malice, and of hopeles love.
 All Pride! and Uglinefs! oh how we loath,
 A Nauscous *Creature*, so compos'd of both!
 How oft have we thy *Cap'ring Person* seen,
 With dismal Look, and Melancholly *Meene*,
 The

The just Reverse of *Nokes*, when he wou'd be,
 Some mighty *Heroe*, and makes love like thee !
 Thou art below being laught at, ought of spight;
 Men gaze upon thee, as a hideous sight,
 And cry, there goes the Melancholly *Knight*.
 There are some Modest *Fools*, we daily see,
 Modest, and dull, why they are *Wits*, to thee !
 For of all *Folly*, sure the very top,
 Is a Conceited *Ninny*, and a *Fop*.
 With a Face of *Farce*, joyn'd to a Head *Romancy*;
 There's no such *Coxcomb* as your *Fool* of Fancy :
 But 'tis too much on so despis'd a *Theam*,
 No *Man* wou'd dabble, in a Dirty Stream ;
 The worst that I cou'd write, wou'd be no more,
 Than what thy very Friends have said before.

My Lord All-Pride.

Bursting with Pride, the loath'd *Impostum* swells,
 Prick him, he sheds his *Venom* strait, & smells ;
 But 'tis so lewd a Scribler that he writes,
 With as much force to Nature, as he fights.
 Hardned in shame, 'tis such a baffled *Fop*,
 That every School-boy, whips him like a Top :
 And with his Arm, and Head, his Brain's so weak,
 That his starved fancy, is comepell'd to rake,
 Among the Excrements of others Wit,
 To make a stinking Meal of what they Shit.
 So *Swine*, for nasty *Meat*, to *Dungkil* run, (done :
 And toss their gruntling *Snowts* up when they've
 Against his Stars, the *Coxcomb* ever strives,
 And to be something they forbid, contrives.

I

With

With a *Red Nose*, *Splay Foot*, and *Goggle Eyes*,
 A *Plough Mans*, *Looby meene*, *Face* all awry ;
 With stinking *Breath*, and ev'ry loathsome mark,
 The *Punchianello*, sets up for a *Spark*,
 With equal *Self-Conceit* too, he bears *Arms*,
 But with that *Vile success*, his part performs ;
 That he *Burlesques* his *Trade*, and what is best
 In others, turns like *Harlequin*, in *Jest*.

So have I seen at *Smithfields* wondrous Fair,
 When all his *Brother Monsters*, flourish there ;
 A *Lubbard Elephant*, divert the Town,
 With making *Legs*, and shooting off a *Gun*.
 Go where he will, he never finds a *Friend*,
 Shame, and derision, all his steps attend ;
 Alike abroad, at home, i'th' *Camp*, and *Court*,
 This *Knight* o'th' *Burning Pestle*, makes us sport.

Captain Ramble.

W^Hilst *Duns* were knocking at my *Door*,
 I lay in *Bed* with *Wreeking Whore*,
 With *Back* so weak, and *Pr—k* so sore
 You'd wonder.

I rais'd my *Doe*, and laist her *Gown*,
 I pinn'd her *Whisk*, and dropt a *Crown*,
 She *Pist*, and then I drove her down,
 Like *Thunder*.

From *Chamber* then I went to *Dinner*,
 And drank small *Beer*, like mournful *Sinner*,
 But still I thought the *Devil* in her

Clytoris.

I sat at *Muscots*, in the dark,
 And heard a Tradesman, and a Spark,
 A Scriv'ner and a Lawyers Clerk,

Tell Stories.

From thence I went with muffled Face,
 To the *Dukes House*, and took a place,
 In which I spew'd, may't please his Grace
 Or Highness.

Had I been hang'd, I cou'd not choose,
 But laugh at Whores, who dropt from Stews,
 Seeing that Mrs. *Marg'ret Hew's*.

So fine is.

When *Play* was done, I call'd a Link,
 Hearing some paultery Pieces Chink
 Within my Breeches, how d'ye think
 I employ'd 'em;

Why Sir, I went to Mrs. *Speerings*,
 Where some were Cursing, others Swearing,
 Never a Barrel better Herring,

Per fidem.

Seav'ns the Main, 'tis Eight God damn me,
 'Tis Six (said I) as God shall save me;
 And being true, they cou'd not blame me

So saying.

Save me (quoth one) what *Shamaroone*,
 Is this has beg'd an Afternoon
 Of's Mother, to go up, and down,

A playing?

Now this to me, was worse than Killing,
 Mistake me not, for I am willing;
 And able both to drop a Shilling,

Or Two Sir.

Well said my Lad, (*Quoth Bully Hack*)
 With Whiskers stern, and Cordibeck,
 Pinn'd up behind his scabby neck

To shew Sir.

With Mangy Fist, he graspt the Box,
 Giving the Table bloody knocks,
 Calling upon the Plague and Pox

To assist him.

Ten Shillings from me he did snatch,
 He'd like to have made a quick dispatch,
 Nor wou'd time Register, my Watch,

Have mist him.

As luck wou'd have it, in came *Will*,
 Perceiving things went very ill,
 Quoth he, thou'dst better go and swill,

Canary.

We steer'd our Course to *Dragon Green*,
 Which is in *Fleet-street* to be seen,
 Where we drank Wine not foul but clean

Contrary.

Our Host Ecclipsed *Thomas Hammond*,
 Presented a slice of *Bacon Gamon*,

Which made us swallow Sack, as *Salmon*

Does Water.

Being over-warm with the last Debauch,
 I grew as drunk as any *Roach*,

When hot Bak'd Wardens did approach ;

Or later.

But see the damn'd confounded Fate,
 Attends on drinking Wine so late,
 I drew my Sword on honest *Kate*

Ith' Kitchen.

Which

Which *Hammonds* Wife cou'd not endure,
 I told her though she look'd demure,
 That she came lately I was sure,
 From Bitching.

We broke our Glasses out of hand,
 As many Oaths, we did command,
 As *Hastings, Savin, Soutberland,*
 Or Ogle.

Then I cry'd up Sir *Harry Fain*,
 And swore by God I wou'd maintain,
Episcopacy, was too plain
 A Juggle.

And having now discharg'd the House,
 We did reserve a gentle Souse,
 With which we drank another Rouse,
 At the Bar.

And now good Christians, all attend,
 To Drunkenness, pray put an end,
 I do advise you as a Friend,
 And Neighbour.

For lo the Mortal, here behold,
 Who Cautious was in Days of old,
 Is now become rash, sturdy, bold,
 And free Sir.

For having scap't the Tavern so,
 There never was a greater Foe,
 Encounter'd yet by *Pompey*, No
 Nor *Cæsar*.

A *Constable*, both stern and dread,
 Who is from Mustard, Brooms and Thread,
 Prefer'd to be the Brainless-head
 O'th' People.

A Gown, h'ad on with Age made gray,
 A Hat too, which as Folks do say,
 Is Sir-nam'd to this very Day,

A Steeple.

His Staff which knew as well as he,
 The Business of Authority,
 Stood bold upright at sight of me ;

Most true 'tis.

The Lowsey Currs, that thither come,
 To keep the Kings Peace, safe at home,
 Yet cannot keep thee Vermin from

Their Cutis.

Stand, stand, says one, and come before,
 You lie, said I, like a Son of a Whore,
 I cau't, nor will not stand, that's more,

De' mutter ?

You watchful Knaves, I'll tell you what,
 Your Officer, i'th' May-Pole-Hat,
 I'll make as Drunk as any Rat,

Or Otter.

The Constable began to swell,
 Although he lik'd the motion well,
 Quoth he, my Friends, this I must tell

You clearly.

The Pestilence you can't forget,
 Nor th' Dispute with the *Dutch*, nor yet
 The dreadful *Fire*, that made us get

Up early.

From which (Quoth he) I this infer,
 To have a Bodies Conscience clear,
 Excelleth any Costly Cheer,

Or Banquet.

Besides

Besides (and Faith I think he wept)
 Were it not better you had kept,
 Within your Chamber, and have slept,
 In Blanket.

But I'll advise you by and by,
 — A Pox of all Advice, said I,
 Your *Fanazaries* look as dry,
 As *Vulcan*.

We came not here to talk of Sin,
 — Come — here's a Shilling fetch it in,
 Our Business now is to begin,
 A full Can.

At last, I made the Watch-men Drunk,
 Examined here, and there a *Punck*,
 And then away to Bed I Slunk,
 To hide it.

Now these my Wishes are to you,
 Who will those Dangers not Eschue,
 That ye may all go home, and Spew,
 As I did.

On Rome's Pardons.

IF *Rome* can Pardon Sins, as *Romans* hold,
 And if those Pardons can be bought and sold,
 It were no Sin, t' Adore, and Worship Gold.

If they can Purchase Pardons with a Sum,
 For Sins they may commit in time to come,
 And for Sins past, 'tis very well for *Rome*.

At this rate they are happy'st that have most,
 They'll Purchase *Heav'n*, at their own proper cost,
 Alas ! the Poor ! all that are so, are lost.

Whence came this knack, or when did it begin ?
 What Author have they, or who brought it in ?
 Did *Christ* e're keep a *Custom-House* for Sin ?

Some subtle Devil, without more ado,
 Did certainly this fly Invention brew,
 To gull 'em of their Souls, and Mony too.

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